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Crackdown goes on

Gov't says no abuses in what's described as 'state of confusion'

MALACAÑANG yesterday sought to allay fears of rights abuse in the ongoing crackdown on Abu Sayyaf members and supporters in the South, which the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in Western Mindanao described as "Gestapo type."

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said the crackdown would last for a month or as long as necessary to dismantle the Abu Sayyaf.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said on radio that rules were in place to protect the human rights of those arrested. Tiglao denied that the military raided mosques in Basilan at the start of the crackdown early Friday.

"The Department of Justice has issued guidelines on how to carry out the arrest. . . The regulations are there so that it won't be said that human rights were violated," Reuters quoted the President as saying in an interview with radio dzAR.

The rules include the need to file appropriate cases against the suspects within 36 hours. The suspects are to be released immediately if this cannot be done.

Reuters quoted Justice Secretary Hernando Perez as saying that 38 people had been arrested in Sulu and Basilan, and that charges ranging from kidnapping, harboring and aiding of criminals were being readied. Tiglao placed the number at 71 as of 1 p.m. yesterday.

But lawyer Jose Manuel Mamauag, CHR director for Western Mindanao, said the arrests were illegal.

"(The suspects) were treated like criminals and were arrested without warrants," he said.

The President said Friday that the necessary warrants for the arrests had been secured.

At yesterday's press forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City, Senate President Aquilino Pimentel urged the military to end as soon as possible the "state of confusion" in the South to prevent rights abuse.

"Obviously, the sooner this state of uncertainty is over, the better. There could really be abuses under such circumstances," he said, adding:

"I have already issued an appeal to the military to be extremely cautious. This is obviously a cause of great concern."

Pimentel said he had learned that the military was hunting down a certain Ibrahim Rasul, and noted that this person could be mistaken for former ambassador Abraham Rasul, who is in his 80s.

He said he had also received reports that some people "who are completely innocent" had been picked up.

Pimentel said the fact that authorities could just enter houses and arrest people without telling their families where they

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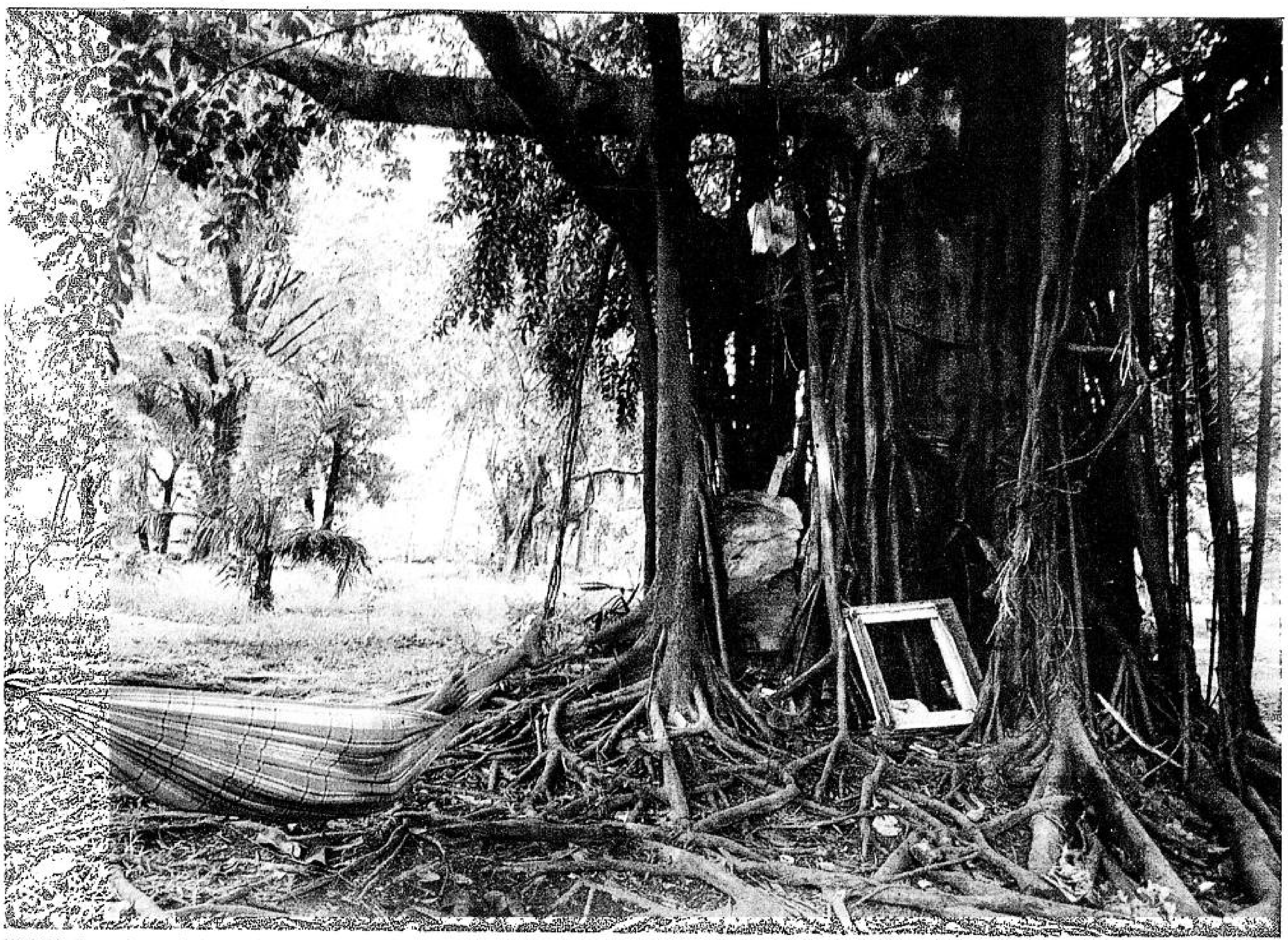

WALK in the park or spin dreams in the shady lanes of Mehan Gardens even as it is now but a wan image of its historic past when it was perfumed by hundreds of tropical blooms and was a tourist destination in every guidebook of Manila.
JESS YUSON

Once upon a Sunday in Mehan

BY JOHN L. SILVA

ONCE upon a Sunday, one could stroll in the shady lanes of Mehan Gardens and spin dreams in the heady fragrance of prized blooms from all over the world.

From the turn of the 20th century until the beginning of World War II, the botanical garden near Manila City Hall was featured as a tourist destination in every guidebook of the city.

It was once a popular recreation center, eclipsing nearby Luneta on Monday evenings when the Constabulary Band played there and large crowds gathered to hear the music and while away nights perfumed by tropical blossoms.

The Orchidarium in the National Museum Complex in Manila harks back to Mehan garden in its prime: a manicured garden, towering trees and hundreds of orchid varieties.

It is a contemporary remembrance of the old garden—now a wan image of its brilliantly hued past—that Manila Mayor Lito Atienza appears intent on burying in a grave of cement.

Although Atienza has lost the first round in his campaign to build a new city college on the grounds of the Mehan Gardens, it's a muted victory for environmentalists and conservationists who have been crusading to save the historical site.

In the past week, news reports have exposed the mayor's attempt to construct a park-and-ride building *(see story in Metro, P.B1)* in the northern section of Mehan Gardens and his intention to build a teacher's dormitory in nearby Arroceros Park.

His plans have struck an angry chord among those who believe that he will be bulldozing soil rich in heritage.

In 1858, the distinguished Barcelona botanist Sebastian Vidal y Soler, a prolific scholar on almost every facet of Philippine plant life, created what would be later known as the Mehan Gardens.

The Spanish botanist's research titles alone were a mouthful—for instance, "Phanerogamae Cumingianae Philipinararum o indice numerico y Catalogo sistematico de las plantas fanerogamas coleccíondas en Filipinas por Hugh Cuming con caracteristicas de algunas especies no descritas y del genero Cumingia (malvaceas)."

Vidal outlined a rectangular corridor on the eastern side of Intramuros and established the Jardin Botanico, planting rows

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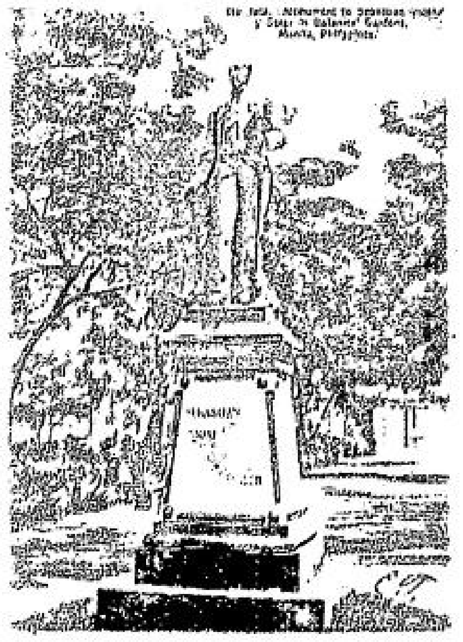
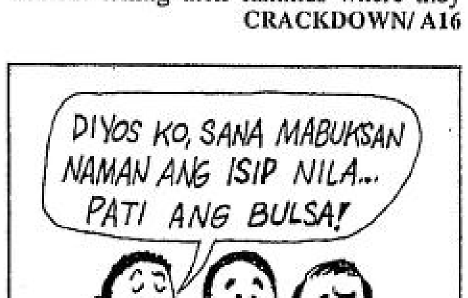


THE WAY it was: Jardin Botanico renamed Mehan Gardens was created in 1858 by Barcelona botanist Sebastian Vidal y Soler.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KMU combines prayer with mass action

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

A MILITANT labor group is turning to prayers to push its demand for a P125 increase in the daily minimum wage nationwide.

The Kilusang Mayo Uno yesterday urged the Catholic Church "to pray for the parsimoni-

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The Brent School of his affections

BY RALPH GRAVES
Former Editorial Director
Time Magazine

I RETURNED to Brent School last March—60 years after my high school graduation. I decided it was too great a distance to travel, from my home in Manhattan all the way to Baguio in Northern Luzon, so at first I turned down the invitation.

But the Headmaster Don Holmes, a tall, energetic Australian with great enthusiasm for my old school, persuaded me that I ought to come. Since I was one of the oldest surviving alumni, Don Holmes convinced me I should come and take part in the event.

Brent was the best school I ever attended and that includes both Williams and Harvard.

While at Brent, I would be his guest in the Headmaster's house in Baguio. While in Manila before and after Baguio, I would be the guest of Marsh Thomson, a prominent American businessman and former chair of Brent's board of trustees. An important ceremony would take place, the unveiling of the statue of Bishop Brent, founder of the school.

Like a large part of the world (and a very large part of the Philippines), Baguio has undergone strenuous development. The beautiful forest of pines has become a for-

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It's payback time for UP graduates

BY BLANCHE S. RIVERA

FRUSTRATED, volunteer teacher Edwin Soriano stood surveying his listless students—some anticipating the next day's fishing trip that meant food for the family, others nodding off to sleep, still others scribbling lyrics of the latest hit song.

He had labored over his lesson plan for the children of Cuyo, a small town in Palawan, but his class appeared loath to spare him even an hour.

"People thought I was going to give up," said Soriano, among the first batch of volunteers of the University of the Philippines' Gurong Pahinungod program. "But when you look into the eyes of your students, you are inspired to go on."

Soriano and many other UP graduates are teaching public school children in far-flung provinces identified by the education department.

Armed with diplomas in various courses that could open the doors to "better" lives, they are devoting an academic year in the under-served provinces.

The UP graduates personify the concept of the Pahinungod, a Cebuano term that is the closest equivalent of the Oblation, a symbol of offering to the nation. The statue stands in every UP campus as a reminder to resident scholars to give back to the country what they have received.

They get paid a measly P5,000 monthly, part of which they use to buy teaching mate-

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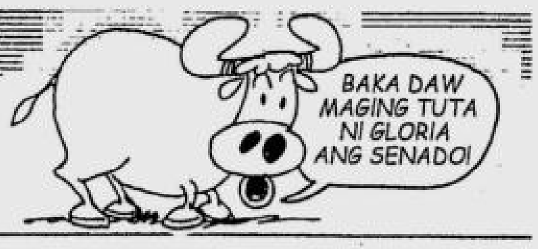
BAKA DAW MAGING TUTA NI GLORIA ANG SENADO!

PPC will deliver Senate to GMA–Nene

By Armand Nocum
Philip C. Tubeza
and Alcuin Papa

SENATE President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. warned yesterday the Senate could become a "rubber stamp" of the Macapagal administration—if a senator from the ruling People Power Coalition is elected Senate president.

At the same time, Pimentel downplayed reports PPC Senators Franklin Drilon and Renato Cayetano had reached a power-sharing deal that would effectively remove him from the Senate presidency.

"I am not sure this will come to reality. I do not think Mr. Drilon and Mr. Cayetano combined could bring in 13 senators' votes. That's far from coming true," Pimentel told reporters during the weekly press forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

He said that while Drilon has four votes, Cayetano only has two votes from the members of the Senate.

"That's six votes. Even with some stragglers, they won't get 13 votes," Pimentel said.

"Up to this point, I am the man to beat. I will remain so until they can get their act together, which I do not see in the foreseeable future," he added.

Pliant

Pimentel said, however, he was prepared to enter into a power-sharing agreement himself with either the PPC or the opposition party. So far, there have been no offers, he said.

Drilon, who has received the tacit endorsement of President Macapagal-Arroyo, said PPC leadership of the upper chamber will not result in a pliant legislature.

"You cannot allow a situation where Malacañang has a tight grip on the Senate. It is not good," he said on his regular radio program over Radio Mindanao Network.

"*Hindi pupuwede na ang Senado ay hawakan ng* administration. *Hindi maganda na magiging tuta ang Senado ng Malacañang* (You cannot the Senate under the administration. It is not good for the Senate to be a lapdog of Malacañang)," he said.

He said he also did not want the Senate "to become the puppet of any economic, political or social power bloc," because it should work for the interest of the whole country.

Neophytes

Adding to the brouhaha over the Senate leadership is the determination of a group of new senators to push for the candidacy of neophyte Sen. Joker Arroyo for the Senate presidency.

The group said it is confident it will be able to break tradition and get Arroyo elected to the post.

New Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan told reporters that despite the tradition in the chamber of only electing senior members as president, he and seven other neophyte lawmakers are confident "we have sufficient votes to get the Senate presidency."

Pangilinan did not name the seven other senators.

Told that Pimentel said his group did not have the numbers to elect Arroyo, Pangilinan quipped.

"That's his opinion. A lot of things can still happen."

He said the tacit support given by President Macapagal to Drilon's bid would not affect the chances of Senator Arroyo or the other candidates for the Senate presidency.

"In the end, the senators will weigh things and make the decision on their own. The senators are independent-minded enough to make their own choice," Pangilinan said.

Wide open

Pangilinan, the only Liberal Party member in the Senate, added he was opposed to any "power-sharing" scheme in the Senate presidency.

The Senate race was thrown wide open after attempts to forge a compromise between Drilon and Cayetano failed, and the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino and Puwersa ng Masa were said to be supporting Sen. Edgardo Angara.

Drilon yesterday defended the President in the wake of criticism that she was meddling in the affairs of the Senate when she indirectly endorsed his bid for its presidency.

"The matter of the President taking a position in the Senate presidency has something to do with her capacity as the titular head of the PPC," Drilon said in Tacloban City where he attended a wedding.

He told the INQUIRER the opposition should not question Ms Macapagal's endorsement because she merely wants to keep the PPC's hold on the Senate.

President Macapagal had indirectly endorsed Drilon to be the next Senate president during her press conference last Friday.

But Drilon said he never asked the President to help him get the position.

New politics

In a another development, the militant group Sanlakas yesterday chided PPC officials for the "disarray" in the coalition due to the power struggle in the Senate and the House.

"This squabble for the division of spoils reveals there is nothing new in the 'new politics' of the administration coalition," Wilson Fortaleza, Sanlakas president, said in a statement.

He said, "Traditional politics has again reared its ugly head. It now appears that presidential ambitions would force either the dissolution of the PPC or a weakening of the administration coalition."

"These factional disputes are but selfish trivialities in the eyes of our countrymen. Had the PPC broken up on the issues of low wages and the policies of liberalization, deregulation and privatization, these *trapos* could have earned the people's grumbling acceptance for lesser evils and good *trapos*," Fortaleza said. ***With Juliet L. Javellana, Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau***

In the House, coalition threatened by Abad bid

By Alcuin Papa

THE FRAGILE bonds holding the ruling People Power Coalition together in the House may well be shattered after the Liberal Party yesterday officially proclaimed the candidacy of Batanes Rep. Florencio "Butch" Abad for the House speakership.

The announcement effectively shut the door to efforts by the ruling Lakas-NUCD party—the dominant party in the PPC led by Pangasinan Rep. Jose de Venecia—to convince Abad and the LP members to stay in the coalition.

It also placed Abad, the LP president, in the position of directly challenging De Venecia for the top House post.

Both camps have claimed that congressmen have been crossing party lines to align themselves with one or the other candidate.

"There have been congressmen who have already crossed party lines and there will be more next week as we shift the campaign into high gear," Abad told reporters.

Abad said he was being backed by a core of 60 congressmen from the LP, the opposition Lakas ng Demokratikong Pilipino and the Reporma party and even some from De Venecia's Lakas-NUCD.

A contender would need the votes of 105 House members, not including the party-list representatives, to win speakership.

From Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya, LDP leader Rep. Carlos Padilla said a "core" group of about 30 LDP representatives is solidly behind Abad.

Padilla said the LDP's support for Abad has strengthened the latter's bid, and predicted the "inevitable collapse" of the PPC.

"But Malacañang should be happy because we are offering an alternative to a De Venecia leadership," he said.

Also yesterday, LP Rep. Benigno Aquino III downplayed President Macapagal-Arroyo's presence at a dinner last Thursday hosted by De Venecia, whose allies were quick to claim that it was a "symbolic" endorsement of De Venecia's speakership bid.

Aquino said they had expected Lakas "to put a spin on it."

It was De Venecia's chief strategist, Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, who told the press on Friday about Ms Macapagal's attendance at the dinner for 33 congresswomen supportive of De Venecia.

Aquino said the occasion could have been nothing more than the President trying to establish ties with the women of the 12th Congress. ***With reports from Volt Contreras and Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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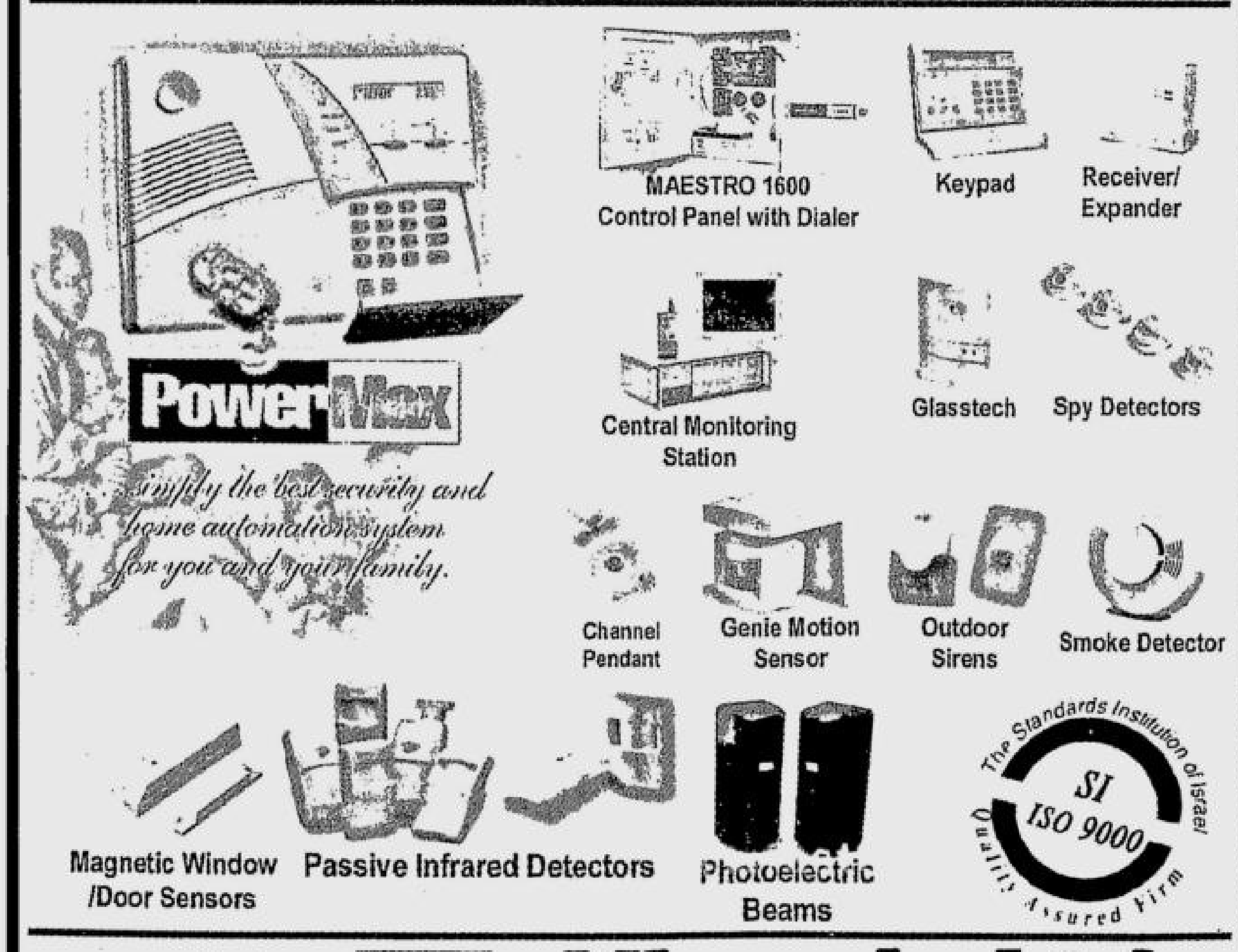
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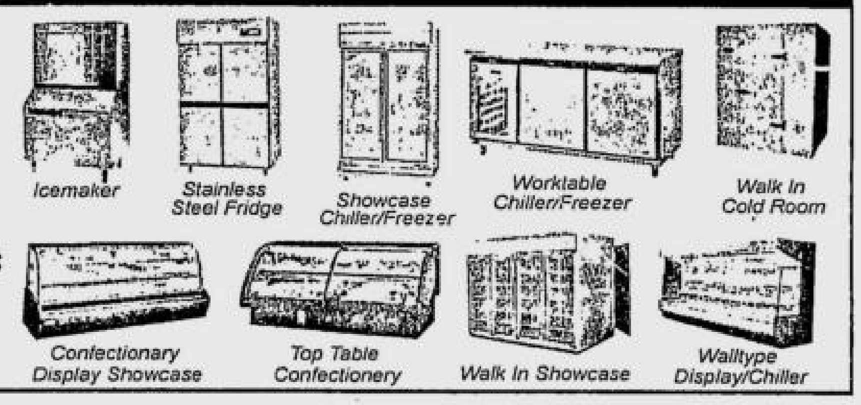

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By Michael Lim Ubac
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MANILA Rep. Mark Jimenez will take the witness stand during Joseph Estrada's upcoming plunder trial to testify that the deposed President owned a controversial P3.2-billion account under the alias "Jose Velarde," Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio said yesterday.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto, the chief prosecutor in the plunder case, said Jimenez, with corroboration from former Equitable PCI-Bank officers Clarissa Ocampo and Manuel Curato, would prove beyond reasonable doubt that the Velarde account belonged to Estrada.

Jimenez, a former member of Estrada's notorious "midnight Cabinet," is also instrumental in strengthening new plunder-related charges to be filed by the Ombudsman against Estrada and his co-accused, Gervacio said.

It is still unclear what effect, if any, the congressman's new role as a state witness will have on the United States' request for his extradition.

Jimenez claims that he already falls under the government's Witness Protection Program since he has agreed to testify against Estrada. But Justice Secretary Hernando Perez has said that his department is still evaluating Jimenez's statements.

Gervacio said Estrada's one-time adviser on Latin American affairs would corroborate his affidavit, submitted to the justice department and forwarded to the Ombudsman, claiming that Estrada plundered the nation's coffers through kickbacks and commissions.

In the affidavit, Jimenez alleged that Estrada coerced him to fork over personal loans of more than P346 million. He said Estrada did not pay him back.

About P20 million of the amount, mostly drawn from Jimenez's account at the Bank of Commerce, was deposited into the Velarde account at the Equitable PCIBank, the congressman claimed.

The newest plunder charges will also focus on Jimenez's allegation that he gave Estrada another P127 million as an advance or a loan, Gervacio said.

In his affidavit, Jimenez confirmed a claim made by former Belle Resources Corp. vice chair William Ocier that the company gave P189.7 million to Estrada as a commission for ordering the Government Service Insurance System and the Social Security System to purchase Belle stock.

Estrada friend and businessman Jaime Dichaves allegedly gave the then President the commission.

Promise

"According to Mark Jimenez, Estrada promised to pay the (P127-million) loan upon receiving his commission from Belle (Resources). But there was no payment," Gervacio said.

The alleged P189.7-million transaction is one of four instances in which Estrada is accused of having committed plunder—the bases of the Ombudsman's plunder complaint against the jailed ex-President, who also faces the lesser charges of perjury and illegal use of an alias.

A Manila judge has allowed Jimenez to post a P1-million bail bond for his temporary liberty while the court hears the extradition case lodged against him by the DOJ on behalf of the US government, which has sought a court order canceling the bail.

The Manila congressman, a former US resident, is wanted by the state of Florida for conspiracy to defraud the US government, illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic Party, tax evasion and wire fraud.

Perez in corner

In another aspect of the plunder case, Estrada lawyer Rene Saguisag has found an opportunity to push Perez into a corner for saying that former Justice Secretary Serafin Cuevas is prohibited from representing Estrada in court.

Saguisag said that if Perez insists on objecting to Cuevas as a member of the defense team, he is in effect admitting that Estrada remains President.

Perez has cited a provision in Republic Act 910 that bars a retired justice receiving a state pension from representing government officials in criminal cases where the government is the adverse party.

Perez said that if Cuevas, a retired Court of Appeals justice, accepts a regular pension from the government, he is covered by the prohibition. Cuevas is also a former justice of the Supreme Court, but he resigned his post under the Aquino administration.

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Whose side are you on, human rights lawyer asked

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government has asked lawyer Romeo Capulong to explain which side he is on in the battle against the Marcoses and their cronies.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza Jr. said Capulong, lawyer for a group of human rights victims of the Marcos regime, should explain why he is also representing a former Marcos crony whose assets have been sequestered by the government.

Carranza said the PCGG learned recently that Capulong is the counsel for Don Ferry, who along with Lucio Tan, is a defendant in a case pending at the Sandiganbayan.

Ferry is also Tan's co-petitioner in asking the anti-graft court to make the PCGG show them the documents in its possession that would justify the sequestration of their assets.

"It was Capulong who filed the petition for Don Ferry," Carranza said. "It puzzles us why he did not say anything about that." *Blanche S. Rivera*

Wartime 'sex slaves' compensated

THE HAGUE—The Japanese Asian Women Fund (AWF) has paid out compensation to 78 Dutch women who were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese military during World War II, the foundation announced here Friday.

Seventy-eight survivors from an estimated 200 to 300 who were forced to become so-called "comfort women" received $19,300 (P1.02 million) each.

The women had been forced to be prostitutes for the Japanese Army during the wartime occupation of Indonesia, then a Dutch colony.

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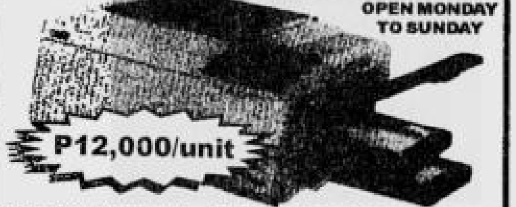

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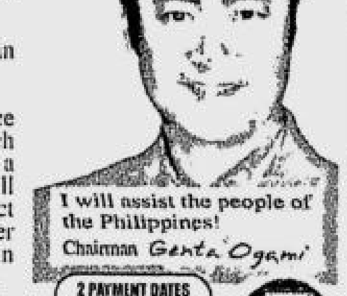

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He said the new process would benefit some 8,000 to 10,000 applicants who apply for NBI clearances daily.

Lawyer Samuel Ong, NBI deputy director for intelligence operations, said the system will be implemented soon in 10 satellite clearance centers across the country.

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KMU combines prayer with mass action

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ous souls" of leaders of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The KMU is hoping that the power of prayer will open the minds of employers—and their checkbooks, too.

The two business groups earlier threatened to fire workers who would join a KMU-sponsored mass leave on June 23 when President Macapagal-Arroyo delivers her State of the Nation Address.

On the same day, the KMU plans to hold a big rally to pressure Ms Macapagal into supporting its demand for a legislated wage.

"Ecop and PCCI will be better off letting their workers take a one-day leave and join the rally demanding a P125 wage hike," said KMU spokesperson Sammy Malunes.

If prayers do not cause a change of heart among employers, labor unrest in the country will only worsen, according to Malunes.

He said workers were having a hard time making ends meet with the minimum wage in Metro Manila, for example, pegged at P250 a day.

Studies show that a family of five must earn at least P500 a day to pay for food and other basic needs.

Employers, however, warned that increasing the minimum wage by P125 would only force more companies either to shut down or layoff workers.

In fact, according to the labor department, many companies can't afford to pay their workers the existing minimum wage.

In Northern Mindanao, for instance, at least 200 companies were found to be violating the minimum wage law.

"We have to weigh this (demand for a P125 increase in the minimum wage) very carefully because definitely business could not afford another pay hike," Alan Macaraya, the labor department's director for Northern Mindanao, said in Cagayan de Oro City.

Macaraya said 14 firms had closed shop this year because of the bleak business climate in the region.

He said the loss of export markets, high cost of production and the weak peso were the main reasons cited by the companies for shutting down.

"There must be judicious balance that would address the needs of the workers and business sector," he said.

Wage Order No. 8 passed last year granted workers in the region a P173 daily minimum wage and a P7 daily allowance.

Macaraya said a P125 wage increase would mean an additional P3 million in operating cost for a company employing at least 100 workers.

"That is simply too much for small and medium enterprises," he said.

Banker Arsenio Sebastian, business representative in the Northern Mindanao Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board, estimates that a P500 "decent wage" reflects the cost of living in Metro Manila but not in the provinces. ***With report from Froilan Gallardo, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 15, 2001
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Dt 30:10-14

For you shall turn to Yahweh, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul, and observe his commandments and norms, in a word, everything written in this book of the Law.

These commandments that I give you today are neither too high nor too far for you. They are not in heaven that you should say: "Who will go up to heaven to get these commandments that we may hear them and put them into practice." Neither are they at the other side of the sea for you to say: "Who will cross to the other side and bring them to us, that we may hear them and put them into practice."

On the contrary, my word is very near you; it is already in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can put it into practice.

2nd Reading: Col 1:15-20

He is the image of the unseen God,
and for all creation he is the firstborn,
for in him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible:
thrones, rulers, authorities, powers...
All was made through him and for him.
He is before all and all things
hold together in him.
And he is the head of the body, that is the
Church, for he is the first, the first raised
from the dead that he may be the first in
everything, for God was pleased to let fullness dwell in him.
Through him God willed to reconcile all
things to himself, and through him, through
his blood shed on the cross,
God establishes peace, on earth as in heaven.

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

A teacher of the Law came and began putting Jesus to the test. And he said, "Master, what shall I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Scripture? How do you understand it?" The man answered, "It is written: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength* and with all your mind. And *you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Jesus replied, "What a good answer! Do this and you shall live." The man wanted to keep up appearances, so he replied, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then said, "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

It happened that a priest was going along that road and saw the man, but passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite saw the man and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, too, was going that way, and when he came upon the man, he was moved with compassion. He went over to him and treated his wounds with oil and wine and wrapped them with bandages. Then he put him on his own mount and brought him to an inn where he took care of him.

The next day he had to set off, but he gave two silver coins to the innkeeper and told him: 'Take care of him and whatever you spend on him, I will repay when I come back.'"

Jesus then asked, "Which of these three, do you think, made himself neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who had mercy on him." And Jesus said, "Go then and do the same."

Commentary:

Today's Gospel recounts one of Luke's most famous parables that was used to invite a lawyer to interpret the Law correctly. At stake is the correct interpretation of the double commandment to love God and neighbor, and with it the quest for eternal life. The parable is purposely placed between the question of the lawyer, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" and the new discovery of the same person "the one who showed him mercy." Jesus points out that the actual practice of mercy is the only correct interpretation of the law that opens the way to eternal life. The reading concludes with the instruction, "Go and do likewise."

Father, we meet so many people every day that we grow callous in our relation with them. Grant us the awareness that we are all your beloved children.

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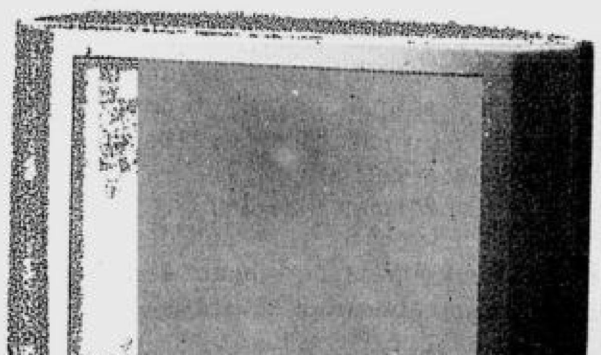
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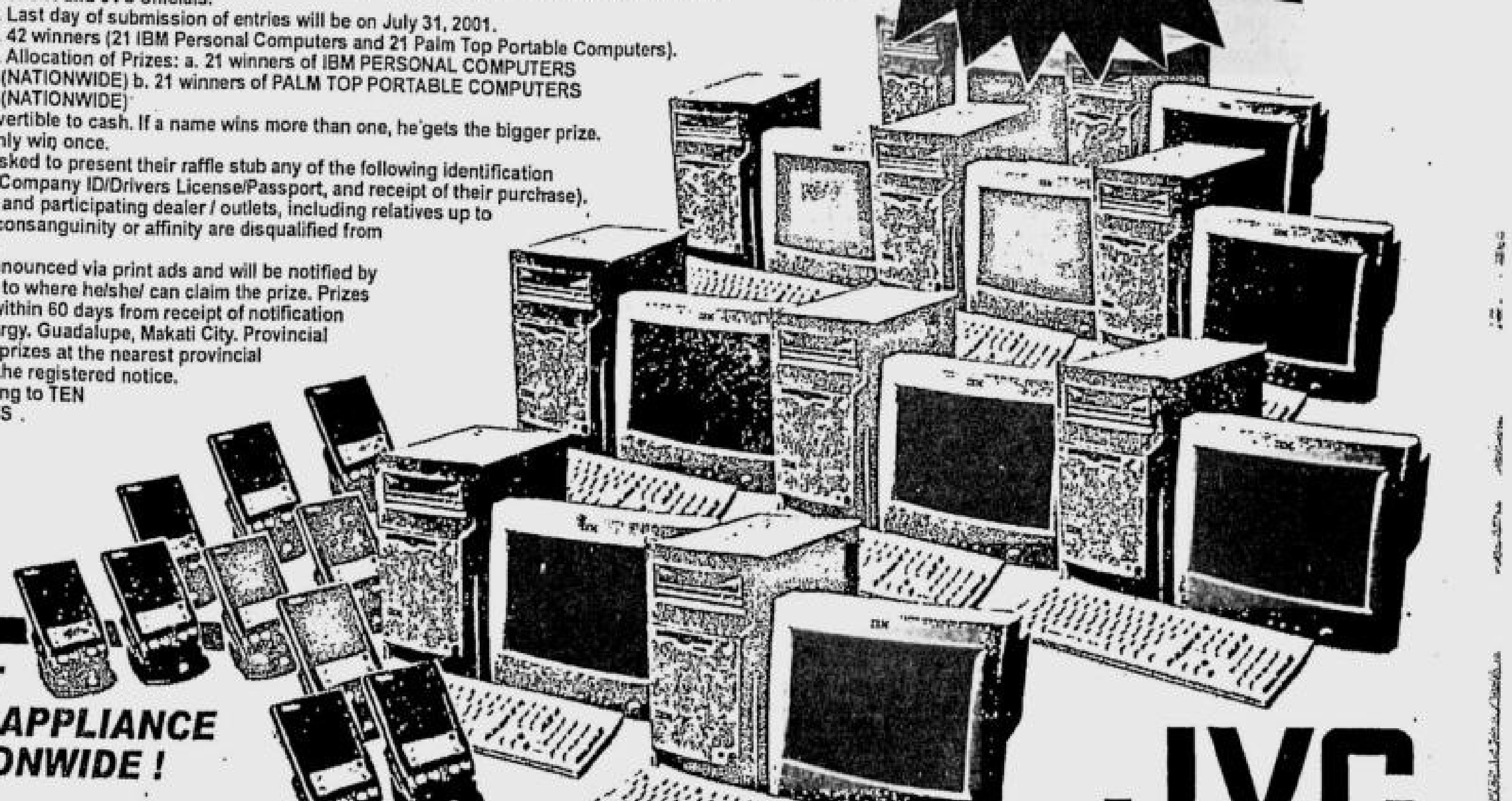
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Why Mark Jimenez?

EDITORIAL

THE NEWLY elected representative of the sixth district of Manila wants to know why the Macapagal administration is bent on pushing the extradition case against him. Doesn't the government already have enough on its hands? he asked during a lunch he hosted for the press last Thursday. There are economic problems to attend to, and law and order problems to solve.

He is right, of course—except that he got one small detail wrong. He is a law and order problem. And if the government mismanages his case, he becomes an economic one.

At least the man who was once described by deposed President Joseph Estrada as a "corporate genius" knows his limitations. He knows he is no rocket scientist. "You do not need to be a rocket scientist to know that things are now convoluted in this country. What is wrong is now right and what is right is now wrong," he told the media.

Like everyone familiar with the events of the last three years, we wonder what Jimenez, born Mario Batacan Crespo, really meant by that. That the "unconvoluted" days of winning more than P100 million at the casino in one spectacular week are over? That the "right" time when mysterious brokers can earn a fantastic commission on business decisions of government financial institutions has passed? Or that the high moral age when national newspapers are bought by dummies is now at an end?

As it turns out, what Jimenez meant the other day was simply this: the government has lost focus because it was paying his case too much attention. In fact, Jimenez added, the government does not have its priorities straight.

"Like in Mindanao, for example. Why is the government spending millions on freeing the hostages (of the Abu Sayyaf) when 75 million Filipinos are (held) hostage by poverty?"

Like the man himself, this quote is just too rich. We almost don't know where to start.

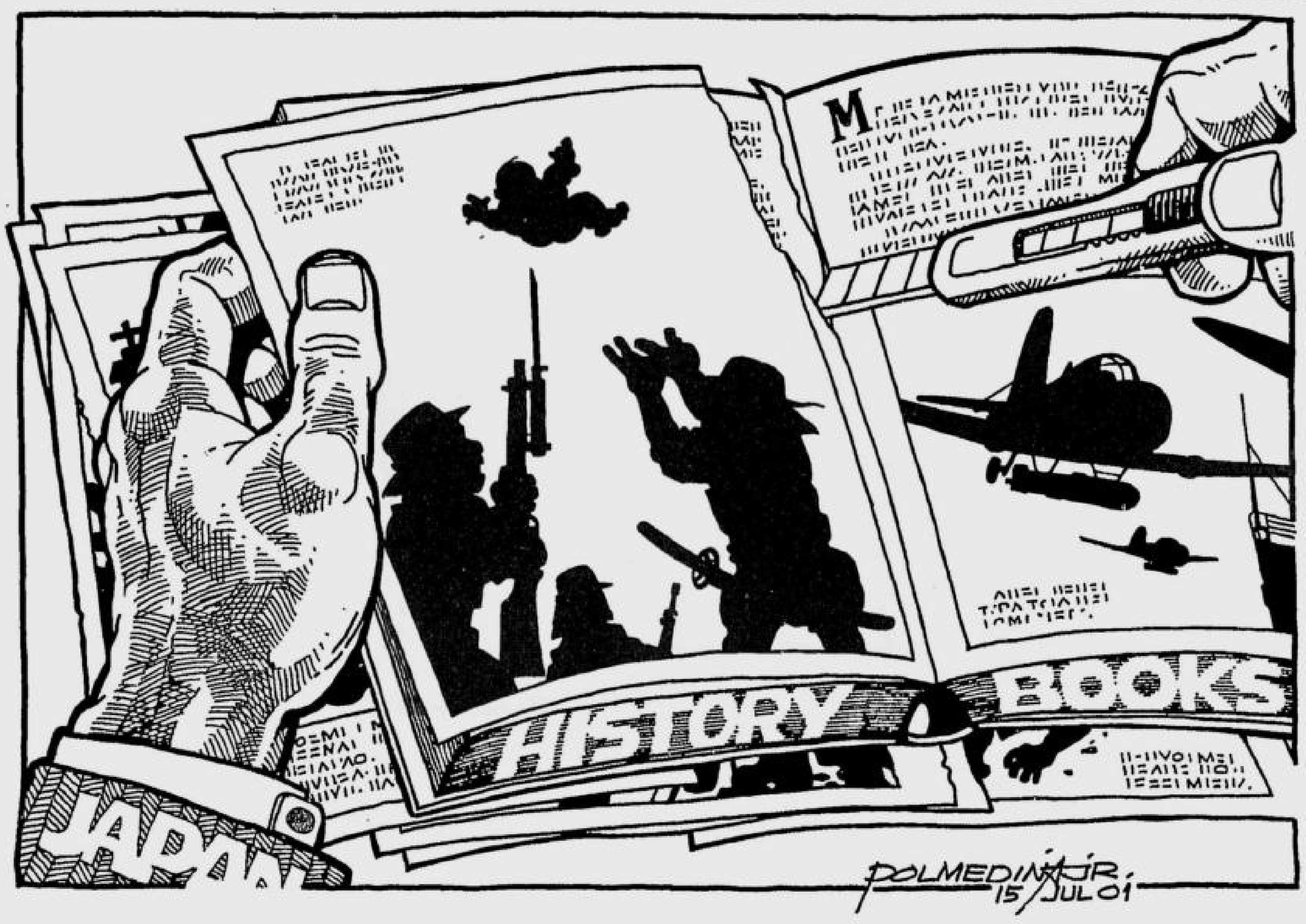
Did he mean ransom payments as official government policy? That happened during the Estrada administration, of which the former presidential adviser for Latin American affairs was a part. Did he mean the expensive military pursuit operations now ongoing in Basilan? The government today has wide public support for its all-out war on the bandits. If the war is lost, then peace and order problems will escalate and economic recovery will be stuck in the Basilan mud. Or did he mean exclusive government attention on poverty alleviation? It does not take a corporate genius to know that different agencies of the government have different functions, and different budgets with which to fund those functions.

What is the real issue here? Jimenez is a fugitive from American justice, and the US government issued a warrant for his arrest in April 1999. We have an extradition treaty with the United States, in place since 1993. Under that treaty, we have an obligation to extradite to the United States any person Washington seeks to bring to justice. Jimenez has been charged, and now faces arrest for leaving US jurisdiction; this does not mean, however, that he has already been found guilty. It only means that he has to stand trial.

Consider the opposite. If Manila were to prosecute Estrada crony Charlie "Atong" Ang to the full extent of the law, it must first ask the US government to extradite Ang. Under the treaty, the United States is obliged to send him back to the Philippines. But if Manila fails to answer the standing US request for Jimenez's extradition, why would the Americans honor an agreement we ourselves have breached?

The Jimenez extradition case is eminently a law and order problem. There is a fugitive, there is an extradition treaty, there is an extradition request. But if the government cannot enforce the law, or meet an international legal obligation, then the high-profile Jimenez case can quickly become an economic problem.

It is a fact that investments flow into those areas where the rule of law holds sway. Investors, after all, want to be able to operate in predictable regimes, where contracts are honored and obligations are met. It does not take a rocket scientist, or a corporate genius, to know that.



Save the Mehan Gardens!

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

ONE of the fond memories of my boyhood is of the many hours I spent at the Mehan Gardens during the years before the outbreak and trauma of World War II. It was a more sedate era then, without the hustle and bustle of the present metropolis. The most peaceful place in Manila was the Mehan Gardens.

When my older brother Virgilio and I were still tots and could not go out by ourselves, our father used to bring us to the Mehan Gardens, primarily so we could enjoy the zoo. Taking us out to places that would interest us or to the serial movies like "The Adventures of Frank Meriwell" that showed two chapters a week, was one of our father's ways of bonding with us. Our mother did not go with us because she had to take care at home of our three sisters, Ada, Laura and Violeta, and later of our youngest brother Vicente Jr. During those occasions that she took us out with her, it was usually to church.

It was at the Mehan Gardens that we first saw in the flesh those untamed animals, including the elephants, lions and crocodiles that we had seen before only in the Tarzan films starring Johnny Weissmuller. That first time was an unforgettable experience; our father was delighted at our amazement. He probably also noticed that we weren't interested at all in Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane in her skimpy costume. But that would come later, of course.

Although I was thrilled by the sight of those unfamiliar beasts, I could not help thinking that it was cruel to confine them in such small cages when they could have had full roam of the vast jungles where they had been captured. Moreover, their offspring in captivity, while relatively safe from the hungry predators of the wild, would not be born free. Even at my young age then, I already had liberal views against illegal detention albeit, as yet, only for the animals.

As I grew older and learned to venture out on my own, I fell into the habit of going to the National Library at the basement of the old Legislative Building on P. Burgos Avenue which now houses the National Museum. It was just a stone's throw from the City Hall of Manila, then a dilapidated creaky wooden building to be eventually replaced by the present edifice, grown also decrepit through years of misuse and neglect. After the war, my father was to have an office in that building for almost 20 years as a councilor of Manila, but that is another story.

Nearby was the Mehan Gardens. After browsing in that big friendly library and borrowing my usual weekly quota of two books (that grew in maturity as I scaled the teen years, from Booth Tarkington's "Penrod" to the current bestsellers like "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Kitty Foyle"), I would walk to that remembered garden to spend a few minutes savoring its serenity as if I were in a cloistered convent removed from the distractions of the world outside.

The Mehan Gardens was a veritable haven of quiet from the noise of the growing city. That stridency was not much compared to the present-day cacophony of sounds that assail the cars, what with the honking of horns, the drone of motors, the shouts of itinerant vendors, the animated conversations of passers-by, especially young classmates in droves, the blare of jeep radios turned on full volume, and also the roar of airplanes occasionally adding to the clangor that will not let up until the mercy of nighttime brings its comparative quietude and silence.

There were not many "automobiles" in Manila before the war, and the common means of transportation were the Meralco and Pastranco buses, the streetcars, and the innumerable *calesas* and *carretelas*. The *cochero* was king of the road and protected by the local politicos. There was also a growing number of autocabs, as they were called, eventually to evolve into the jeepney that would replace the *calesa* after the war. The taxicabs were mostly for the rich, if they did not own "berlinas" or hired them from the "garage," the predecessor of the rent-a-car company.

If one wanted a brief surcease from the racket of the city, what he could do was seek refuge in the Mehan Gardens. This was what I often did although not for escape because I was not really much bothered by all that noise, being then an unflappable young man. I went to the garden simply because I liked its atmosphere and ambience. The now-familiar animals were old and faithful friends, remembered from my childhood. The plants and trees were silent companions, adorning the whole place like petrified poems. I confess, though, that I did not notice the flowers, which must have abundantly embroidered the verdure with their blaze of brilliant colors in a purity of loveliness.

The Mehan Gardens was especially magical during lazy afternoons in summer, when I often found pleasure in its tranquility, many times with a friend or two exploring romantic possibilities or ponderously examining the meaning of life. There were no limits to our young imagination. If I went there with no one to talk to, I would spend the lonely hours meditating on the problems of the world, daydreaming about an unrequited love (for some Hollywood star), or simply whiling away the time watching sweethearts relishing each other's company on a nearby park bench from where I would be sitting.

It was really an innocent time. While relaxing at the Mehan Gardens, no one approached you for alms or to sell *chicharon* or peanuts, and neither were there chiselers around to threaten you with an ice pick if you did not come across with a coin or two. Drug addiction was practically inexistent; people wore decent clothes and did not dye their hair in outlandish shades. And the Mehan Gardens was clean—that I can remember clearly—with sweepers diligently tending to their duties to make the whole place a truly spotless park the people of Manila could cherish.

My friend Bambi L. Harper on the opposite page and the other conservationists have reason to deplore—and resist—the attempt of Mayor Lito Atienza to destroy yet another historic landmark of Manila that used to give its residents immense pleasure and pride. I join them in condemning the plan to convert the Mehan Gardens into a construction site and deprive the Filipino people of a valuable cultural heritage gilded by memories of a graceful past when beauty was more valuable than modernity or progress.

Concrete love

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THERE is no truth to the rumor that Good Samaritans can only come from Samar. In fact the whole message of today's Gospel (Lk. 10: 25-37) is that anyone of us and all of us can and should be Good Samaritans anywhere, anytime, in whatever situation.

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Last week, a seaman dropped by my office with his wife and their 2-year-old baby. He came to ask for a blessing before boarding ship once again. After 20 years he had wanted to retire, he said, but he encountered something in the last ship he boarded which made him decide to board ship one or two more times.

According to him, the crew of the last ship he boarded prayed the rosary nightly. He did not know who started it, but the effect on the crew was very positive. They experienced less friction among themselves, and they were less lonely and afraid on board. Now, he would like to start this nightly rosary on the next ship he would be boarding, and maybe on the next one or two more. This he would do, he said, in gratitude for God's blessings, and to help somehow his fellow seamen encounter and find God in their difficult and lonely work.

This man, for me is a Good Samaritan involved in concrete love, on the high seas.

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Another Good Samaritan I encountered is a Japanese businessman named Mitsushigi Horii. He was the one who discovered former Saipan Gov. Larry Guerrero who had a stroke in his hotel room June last year. This Japanese brought the governor to the hospital, called his family in Saipan, and stayed with him until a member of his family arrived.

When I went to the San Juan de Dios Hospital, I saw him by the bed, stroking Guerrero's arms in a most concerned way. He was neither a relative nor a fellow countryman, but here was a Good Samaritan expressing concrete love in a foreign land.

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There's really no way of telling where or when God will call us to be Good Samaritans. One time, I was rushing to my noontime radio program at Veritas when I saw a thin and shaggy-looking man writhing in pain on the sidewalk of Balete Drive. He was holding his stomach, gasping for air. My first impulse was to get going because I was going to be late if I stopped. But my conscience told me to get involved with this person who needed my concrete love in that here and now.

I turned around, got down and gave him some money. But, he said, he needed a pain reliever for his ulcers. Now I was surely going to be late, I said to myself, almost regretting that I stopped. But I ended up going back to our seminary to get some medicines and then going back to the man who had not moved at all from where he was.

I gave him the medicines, said goodbye, and drove on with that "Good Samaritan feeling." I was late for the program, but I had great joy in sharing what I just encountered.

But now, when I look back, I have a tinge of regret. I could have done more. Did I really love with all my strength, with all my heart, with all my mind? Perhaps I could have given him water with the medicine, or I could have brought him to a hospital or spent more time with him. In other words, I could have been a better Samaritan.

No, love and involvement are never enough. No wonder many just elude or drop them all together. Demanding, e, that's why *deadma na lang, di ba? Pero kung panay ang deadma mo, ikaw rin, baka ma* dead *ka* inside you.

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The next time you encounter a possible "Good Samaritan situation," like when a beggar comes knocking at your gate or car window, don't just dismiss it with your fixed rationalizations and reasons. That's easy. Likewise, it is easy to just give right away and feel good about it in a condescending kind of way. Whatever you do, however you respond to a Good Samaritan situation, don't forget compassion, understanding and mercy. There is no ready-made response because every situation is different. Every person who comes along is different. But, it's the same God who is asking you to be compassionate, understanding and merciful in every situation and in very concrete situations.

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Who is your neighbor? Do you know at all who your neighbor is? Some people have lived in the same neighborhood for the longest time and do not even know, much less, relate with their neighbors. Do something different today. Surprise your neighbor with a visit, a gift or a phone call. Charity begins at home, but let it overflow into your neighborhood. Love your neighbor, *di ba*?

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We live in a very fast and a very mobile world and you can be a neighbor to so many people anytime, anywhere. How can we be Good Samaritans to all of them? Wow, that's a tall order! Instead of being overwhelmed by the magnitude of our mission, let us be inspired by this text message that says: "The Israelites saw Goliath and thought he's so big they can't beat him, while David said he's so big he can't miss."

Yes, just do concrete love wherever you are, one day at a time.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, let my love be concrete, not just paper love or plastic love, one day at a time. Amen.

The explosive C-130 contract

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

THE C-130 contract is a time bomb waiting to explode, possibly in the halls of Congress where investigation of this contract could rock the Macapagal administration. This contract violates the Constitution, the Revised Administrative Code, the Anti-Graft Law and plain common sense.

A few days ago, a brave soul in the military sent me a copy of this contract. Signed on Feb. 28, 2001 by Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Air Force Chief Benjamin Defensor, the contract calls for the purchase of four C-130 military aircraft and two surveillance sensors from Lockheed Martin for a total price $41.32 million.

The Constitution prohibits the expenditure of public funds unless there is an appropriation by Congress. This means that every contract signed by a public official must be covered by a specific congressional appropriation. As Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin explained, the C-130 contract is not covered by any congressional appropriation. On this score alone, the C-130 contract is absolutely void.

The C-130 contract, however, states that the US$41.32-million purchase price shall be funded by a **"pre-approved financing package from the US ExIm Bank and a commercial bank."** The schemers behind this contract, aware of the absence of a congressional appropriation, thought they could get around the constitutional ban by funding the contract with a loan. They are wrong.

The Constitution states that "the President may contract or guarantee foreign loans on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines with the prior concurrence of the Monetary Board, and subject to such limitations as may be provided by law." The President has not applied for any loan with the US ExIm Bank for the C-130 contract, and neither has the Monetary Board given its **prior** approval to such a loan.

Under RA 6142, the law authorizing the President to contract foreign loans, the President can secure foreign loans only for **"industrial, agricultural or other economic development projects."** The existing law does not allow the President to borrow for military purchases. Congressional authorization is necessary before the President can borrow to purchase military equipment because the proceeds of the loan are public funds, and the expenditure of public funds requires congressional appropriation.

The C-130 contract states that the US ExIm Bank will provide the "pre-approved financing." The charter of the US ExIm Bank, however, expressly prohibits it from extending credit in military sales. The website of the US ExIm Bank categorically states: **"ExIm Bank is prohibited, by law, from supporting the sale of military aircraft or civilian aircraft that will be used for military applications."** The schemers behind the C-130 contract apparently did a very sloppy job.

The Revised Administrative Code mandates that before a public official can sign a contract, he must first secure a "certificate of availability of funds" from his agency's chief accountant. This certificate can be issued only if there is a corresponding congressional appropriation in the agency's regular budget, or in the case of contracts funded by foreign loans, if there is a special budget approved by the President. Any public official violating these requirements "shall be dismissed from the service."

There is no "certificate of availability of funds" issued by any accounting official to authorize the signing of the C-130 contract. Defensor justifies the absence of this certificate by pointing out Article 28 of the contract which states that the contract shall "become effective" upon issuance by the DBM of the Forward Obligation Authority, the equivalent of a certificate of cash availability.

The Code, however, prohibits the mere signing of a contract without the corresponding certificate of cash availability. This is clear from the language of the Code when it mandates that "no contract involving the expenditure of public funds shall be entered into unless there is an appropriation therefore." This is also clear from the Code's requirement that the certificate of cash availability "shall be attached to and become an integral part of the proposed contract."

Defenders of the C-130 contract claim there is as yet no valid contract because the 22-page contract that was signed is subject to suspensive conditions, like the issuance of a Forward Obligation Authority. Under the Civil Code, a contract is perfected the moment there is a meeting of the minds on the subject matter and the consideration of the contract. The enforcement of a contract can be subject to suspensive conditions, as when the effective date of a signed contract is made to depend on the happening of specified future events. Suspensive conditions do not prevent the legal existence of a contract, but merely suspend or postpone the obligations of the parties under the contract until the happening of the conditions.

The C-130 contract provides that the seller, Lockheed Martin, does not make any warranty, express or implied, that the C-130 aircraft are airworthy. The aircraft are being sold on an "as-is, where is" basis, without "any implied warranties of merchantability, of fitness, or of non-infringement." Lockheed Martin does not even warrant that the aircraft can fly!

The contract price of $3 million for one C-130 does not include the cost of any repair. There is no indication whatsoever in the contract how much it will cost to repair the aircraft and make them airworthy. The cost of repairs will be negotiated with Lockheed Martin only after the sale.

Most likely Lockheed Martin will demand a cost plus repair contract, with no upper limit on the total repair cost. This will put the Philippines in the same sorry situation as Botswana, which purchased used C-130 aircraft from Martin Lockheed on the same as is, where is basis. To date, Botswana has spent $20 million per aircraft on repairs and the planes are still not airworthy.

The C-130 contract obviously qualifies as a "manifestly and grossly disadvantageous contract to the government" as this term is used in the Anti-Graft Law. The contract was negotiated with Lockheed Martin, and there are no valid reasons why the contract was not opened to bidding.

In 1995, President Fidel Ramos canceled the Marconi radar contract precisely because it was not supported by a congressional appropriation. In 1998, President Joseph Estrada tried to revive the Marconi contract, only to retreat when he realized he could be impeached for violating the Constitution. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo needs the C-130 contract like she needs a hole in the head.

The better part of valor is for Reyes and Defensor to withdraw the C-130 contract and throw it into the wastebasket. Reyes can then face the Commission on Appointments without this millstone around his neck.

The 'cariton' couple

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

READER "A" (she asked that her name not be used) reacts to the columns on "murderous" mothers:

"Yes, yes, yes, yes. FINALLY someone recognizes the MOTHER, or whoever takes care of (the) kids. Yes it is very true that EVERYTHING is left to the mother. What sane person would stay sane having five children and all toddlers at that? I have two boys, ages two and three, and they drive me nuts at times. They each have a nanny, but I can't leave everything to the nannies. They're there to help but I'M the mother. And this is just my point: I already have all the help I can get and yet the boys drive me bonkers. What more that poor mother who has to deal with five toddlers every single day? That means five baths every morning, five mouths to hand feed, etc."

"A" says she does feel "blessed" that her husband helps out with the boys, though she points out that "actually in the Bible it has been written that fathers should play as big a part as mothers in rearing children. So whose idiotic macho-image, mothers-only ideology was it (that said) only women should take care of children?"

She has a bone to pick, though, with couples who, as she puts it, "take having children too lightly." Says "A":

"They just think OK you get pregnant and out pops this adorable cute little baby. But wait, there's the reality of complete vaccinations, formula, diapers, preschool, elementary, high school, college education. Plus school supplies, clothing allowance, FOOD, adequate shelter, dental care, etc.

"At times I could just roll my eyes when some mother would plead on TV that her child is sick and they don't have money blah, blah blah. Then the reporter asks how many children they have. Seven. Father's job? None. WHAAAAT? And (they have) the gall to have children?"

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I MUST confess, "A," that I felt the same visceral jolt while watching an episode of "I-Witness," an award-winning documentary on the lives of street people produced by Luchie Cruz Valdes.

One of the families she featured had lived for years on a *cariton* parked on a sidewalk in Escolta. It was here, under a makeshift shelter of cardboard, that they slept, ate and presumably made babies. When the camera peeked into their pathetic shelter, it showed two very young children and an infant. All three youngsters, Luchie said, grew up on that *cariton* home.

I could well understand a first accidental pregnancy, but to get pregnant two more times, knowing that you would be taking your baby home to a *cariton* parked on a sidewalk?

My insides squirmed all the more when I saw the mother boiling water and mixing formula. On top of all that she couldn't even breastfeed?

But then I got to thinking, "A," what realistic family planning options this *cariton* couple had. Pills? Condoms? The cost may strike us as negligible, but when you live on a *cariton* and survive by your wits, every peso spent on a packet of pills or a condom is food you take from your children's mouths. A ligation or vasectomy would seem the most practical alternative, but then again, if you live on a *cariton*, could you muster the gumption to enter a government hospital and request for such a service?

It's a vicious cycle, of course. Because they are poor, the *cariton* couple cannot use family planning. But with each child, their situation gets more dire. And as they sink deeper into poverty, the less chances they or any of their children have of leaving the *cariton*.

I punched the buttons of my remote. It was too late at night to get any more depressed than I already was.

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HERE'S a more cheerful thought. Another reader, a physician, reacted to the "murderous mothers" column by proclaiming the virtues of her hubby:

"My husband is the sweetest, most sensitive man I have ever met. He has done things for me that no one has ever done, and probably never will do. During my pregnancy, when I had ballooned to roughly the size of a refrigerator, he did the laundry, washed the dishes and gave me heavenly foot massages and back rubs. After I had given birth, he would take over caring for the baby at night, wash the baby's bottles and give me (more) heavenly foot massages and back rubs. All these he did without being asked, even when he had just come from a grueling 24-hour duty (he's also a doctor). He has the uncanny ability of reading my mind and knows just when to take over when he senses that I need his help.

"Of all the things I have accomplished in my life so far, being his wife tops the list. The past four years with him have been the best four years of my life. I am proud to be his wife and the mother of his child. Because of his love, I am free to be who and what I am today."

Enough already! I have diabetes, you know. But our ecstatic wife, says she only wanted readers, especially women, to know that "this type of man exists. Yes, Virginia, there is a Mr. Right. I have living proof. But I'll have to say sorry, girls, this one's mine."

You can have him, dear reader, I found mine almost 23 years ago, though I must say the model I have is deficient in the foot massage department.

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THERE'S an ongoing Children's Book Festival (until July 22) at the Shangri-la Plaza Mall. There will be a children's book fair, exhibits mounted by various embassies, as well as daily storytelling by well-known performers. InK or Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan, an organization of children's book illustrators, is also celebrating its 10th anniversary with an exhibit. Admission to all events is free.

Understanding poverty

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE AMERICAN sociologist C. Wright Mills offers a useful distinction between "personal troubles" and "public issues."

"When, in a city of 100,000, only one man is unemployed," Mills says, "that is his personal trouble, and for its relief we properly look to the character of the man, his skills and his immediate opportunities. But when in a nation of 50 million, 15 million are unemployed, that is an issue, and we may not hope to find its solution within the range of opportunities open to any one individual. The very structure of opportunities has collapsed."

Poverty in the Philippines is the result of such a collapse in the very structure of opportunities. With nearly half of our entire population living in absolute poverty, we can be sure that this situation is not a product of the personal character of the poor. Any attempt to understand it must focus on the failings of the entire social order, rather than on the personal inadequacies of individual Filipino families. Any attempt to solve it in an enduring way will have to involve an overhaul of our basic political and economic institutions.

We are dealing with two realities here: first, the reality of economic underdevelopment, and second, the reality of inequality. The poverty of our people is the product of both. The amount of wealth that our economy produces is small to begin with. This is the result of the underdevelopment of our productive capacities. The productivity of our labor and the level of sophistication of our technology are very low compared to those of our East Asian neighbors.

On top of this, what wealth we produce is unequally distributed. The rich capture most of it, while the poor get poorer, or are completely excluded from the mainstream production process itself and from the market. Their dwindling share of the nation's product prevents them from transforming themselves into more productive members of society.

The political system gives the poor their political rights and freedoms, but their economic vulnerability prevents them from meaningfully using these rights. What happens then is that they use these rights mainly to secure short-term economic benefits, rather than to shape basic economic policy.

In the 1950s, we were second only to Japan in terms of capacity for economic growth. Today we are nearly at the bottom of the heap in Southeast Asia.

How did we come to this? I think that our special relationship with the United States, in exchange for hosting the American bases, kept us from exploring the full range of options available to nations that were just emerging from their colonial past. The preferential arrangement in the US market for Philippine sugar, for example, shielded the favored Filipino planters from the urgency of competition and modernization. Pegging the peso's value to the American dollar likewise gave us the illusion of prosperity. It made it easier to import than to produce the things we needed.

In short, the urge to rebuild economies and raise productivity in order to compete in the world market, which was very strong in East Asia, was hardly felt by our policy makers. Their reliance on American patronage worked like a curse upon our economic and political life. By the time we realized that being a client state of America had made us into a weak nation, it was quite late. A new world economy had opened up, and we were incapable of seizing the opportunities it was offering.

We had not paid attention to upgrading agriculture, nor to building the basic infrastructure of a modern industrial economy. We allowed our public educational system to deteriorate, leaving the task of educating a new generation to the vagaries of private institutions. Marcos came on the scene in the mid-1960s and his theory was that we had lagged behind because we lacked political will. He saw Park Chung Hee's South Korea as a model for rapid growth and, on the basis of this belief, he inaugurated an era of developmental authoritarianism.

Problems of governance shadowed Marcos' efforts at economic development. The world economy entered a period of recession, and he could not repay the foreign loans he had borrowed and misused. His modernization project collapsed because it had become politically untenable. Still, we must credit him for what he tried to do for Philippine agriculture and for the physical infrastructure that he built.

Our experience with Marcos, however, made us skeptical about modernization, and paranoid about our democratic rights and freedoms. In the post-Marcos years, we became blind to the requirements of rapid and sustained economic growth. The series of coup attempts against Cory Aquino frightened investors and distracted us from our economic concerns. Our economy froze on its tracks while the population galloped. Income gaps widened, and the government became incapable of providing the poor the basic services they needed so they might live productive lives.

Today the delicate social balance that the elite defended fiercely from the time of independence is falling apart. The poor refuse to continue shouldering the burdens of a stunted economy. This refusal is increasingly being expressed in political terms. Some smart politicians are tapping into the poor's disenchantment to boost their political ambitions. But properly harnessed, the politicization of the poor can produce lasting social change and economic growth.

The key is to redress historic inequalities by redirecting resources toward meeting basic needs, and to rebuild social trust by reestablishing our society's structure of opportunities.

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A giant green tree falls

COMMENTARY

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A PIONEER of the global Green movement passed away last June 18 at the ripe old age of 97. He was René Dumont.

Dumont's life spanned most of the 20th century, and in a very real way he initiated the debate on some of our era's greatest preoccupations: sustainable development, rational allocation of resources and defense of the environment. It was precisely on an environmentalist platform that Dumont ran for the presidency of the French Republic in 1974, and lost—or rather won just 1.32 percent of the vote.

A glib thing to say at this point would be that he was the best president France never had. An agronomist and United Nations consultant, Dumont knew very well that he had no chance at all of winning in 1974 or thereafter. The kind of politics he had in mind had nothing to do with kissing babies, pressing flesh, consensus-building, or national defense, or foreign relations. His was closer to the "small is beautiful" school of thought, and the point of his running for president was to sensitize France and the larger world beyond to humanity's shared environmental problems. In that regard, he was a big success after all.

Dumont was an adviser on general development problems to such post-colonial national leaders as Jawaharlal Nehru, Norodom Sihanouk, Fidel Castro, Ben Bella, Julius Nyerere and Leopold Sedar Senghor. The "socialist" content of some of these leaders' platforms left him skeptical, in spite of his solidarity with their leftwing principles. The behavior of political elites, whether of the North or the South, struck him as posturing and wasteful. Toward the end of his days in power, Senegalese President Senghor would later admit that "he should have listened to Dumont." The warning about environmental depredation and widespread famine that Dumont sounded in his famous work "L'Afrique est Mal Partie (False Start in Africa)" had apparently fallen on deaf ears.

Asia had a very special place in Dumont's heart. It was in Vietnam as a young man that he came up close to the realities of what would later be called the Third World, and from where he derived many of his sensible ideas. Rice-growing, in particular, was a source of fascination for him. Later he would visit China, India, Bangladesh and Taiwan.

In the mid-1980s he had started to look into Philippine conditions, but he did not stay long enough for the thorough field work that he felt necessary for writing a book. He found time to dialogue with a group of UP Diliman students, however.

Neither pro-Soviet nor pro-Chinese in his ideology, Dumont had an open mind where militant politics was concerned. I saw him once at a discussion organized by the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) activists and French sympathizers in Paris, where everybody was frisked at the entrance. He was amused, not shocked.

His admiration for Chinese agricultural techniques and work methods did not mean he was a Maoist; he drew the line at cooptation. His sympathy for the Cuban Revolution did not earn him Castro's friendship; "El Maximo Lider" would later call him a CIA agent. If he did not believe in communism, it was because he thought that "planned abundance will never materialize."

There was an anti-racist march where I observed him first before going to greet him. He made a point of staying away from the front lines, where political and civil-society superstars were pushing each other aside to get closer to the cameras. Dumont was no media monster, but the media could not help but pay attention to him when he spoke or wielded his pen.

A yearly issue for French environmentalists is the Paris-Dakar motor rally, which is a huge "sports" event but is justly criticized for being wasteful of fuel and injurious to the habitat—not to mention values and sensibilities—of impoverished Saharan and sub-Sarahan communities. Dumont invited me and my wife to join him at the Greens' counterrally at the Bois de Boulogne at some unholy hour like 4 a.m. in early January 1986, if I remember correctly. The Pa-Dak' (a contraction of the words meant to sound in translation as the equivalent of "Don't agree") counterrally successfully went on without us, needless to say. But old man Dumont was never one to miss such an event.

It was perhaps this energy which he poured into a just cause that kept him young and vigorous for nearly a hundred years. Idealism, but also a sense of humor, preserved him from mummifying. He once told me, deadpan, to keep on using the informal *tu* form of address with him because who knew, the next time we met he might already be a member of the august Chamber of Deputies (the equivalent of a congressman). He didn't make it to that position either, but he didn't feel it as a big loss. Perhaps it's all for the best, for incidentally, the Greens have not yet overcome their factionalist tendencies.

When I look at the news on television and imagine Rene Dumont as the chief of state saluting the French troops, or hugging the German prime minister, or speaking at the White House lawn, I can't help laughing. I never saw him wearing a necktie, but that's not the only reason for my laughter.

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Beijing's coming-out party

NEWS ANALYSIS

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BEIJING—The jubilant crowds thronging Tiananmen Square Friday were celebrating something greater than Beijing hosting the 2008 Olympics: they were toasting China's acceptance on the international stage.

For both China's communist leadership and millions of ordinary Chinese, Beijing's Olympic bid was always about more than just sport. Winning the right to become the first Chinese city to host the Games has a huge political and psychological significance for a country and a people still regarded with suspicion by many in the developed world.

China came back into the international sporting arena after decades out in the cold at the Los Angeles games in 1984, fielding its first Olympic team since 1948.

Joseph Cheng, political analyst at Hong Kong's City University said the Olympic success marks a coming of age for China. "The Olympics symbolize the recognition of China's transition from a developing country to a more developed one, showing China is a country with the facilities to hold the Olympics," he said.

The 1998 Olympics in Korea and the 1964 games in Tokyo marked breaks with the turbulent past for those countries. For South Korea it was the chance to show the world a prosperous nation built from the ashes of the Korean War, while for Japan the Games provided an opportunity to leave its notorious wartime history behind.

Beijing sees the 2008 Games as a similar endorsement of China's emergence as a global power, a celebration of its economic achievements and a justification of the communist government's 60-year rule as the party faces a complex leadership transition in 2003.

Sports have acted as a lens through which China views the world at large. Just as ping-pong diplomacy marked the thaw in US-China relations which led to Nixon's visit to China in 1972, many hope the run-up to the 2008 games will usher in a new era in China's relations with the outside world.

China's relations with the United States and other countries are shaped by the ebb and flow of the voices for faster economic reform and closer links with the outside world and those who want a China bound more tightly to its Leninist past. The success of the Olympic bid may add more weight to arguments for faster reform and greater openness, easing tensions with the US which have been exacerbated by the detention of US citizens and residents in recent months.

Furthermore, because China in its bid document has offered the chance for Taipei jointly to host events, the Olympics may also prove a salve for tense cross-Strait relations, despite Beijing's threat to invade Taiwan if it declares independence.

"People in Taiwan feel when there is a major event which involves international audiences Beijing is less likely to resort to tactics like sending missiles over the Taiwan straits," said Joseph Wu, researcher at the National Politics University in Taiwan.

Beijing tested missiles over the Taiwan straits in 1995 but Wu said China may tread a more careful line now to avoid jeopardizing the success of the 2008 games.

While the Games are unlikely to prompt sweeping political change like the transition from dictatorship to democracy sparked by the 1988 games in Korea, hosting the sporting event will ease China's sense of victimhood. **AFP**

TALK OF THE TOWN
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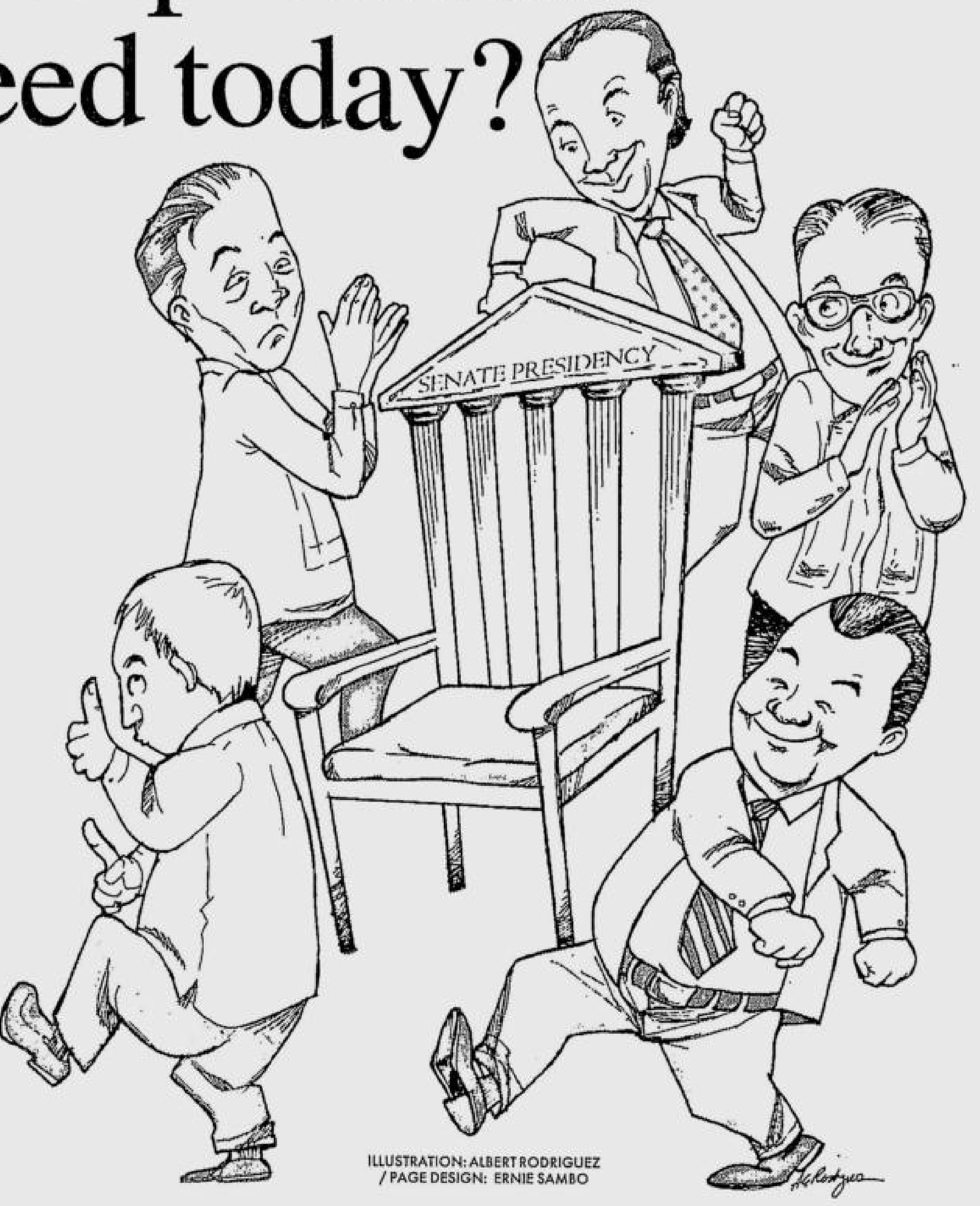
What kind of Senate president does the country need today?

LIKE the presidency itself, the institution of the third highest post in the land has Quezonian roots.

The distinctive post of Senate president (in the US model, it is the Vice President who discharges the largely ceremonial function) may almost be said to have been created expressly for Manuel L. Quezon. The new, more powerful office helped Quezon undermine Speaker Sergio Osmeña's influence, and made Quezon the most powerful Filipino politician of the American period.

Like the Chief Justiceship, the post is primarily primus inter pares—the first among equals, but in a chamber full of officials with presidential ambitions, it is a distinction that goes a long way. Working closely with the majority leader, the Senate president also controls the agenda as well as the permanent staff of the upper chamber.

The ongoing negotiations or consultations to choose the next Senate president take place during a time of political upheaval: the four nights of Edsa II, the six days of "Edsa III," the arrest and arraignment of a deposed President. At such a time, how should the job description for the office read?



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Not the person, but the institution

SENATOR AQUILINO PIMENTEL, JR.
Senate president (November 2000 to the present)

THE COUNTRY today needs a Senate that is responsible, independent and pro-people.

Responsible in that, as a Senate, it can deliver on vital legislation—whether sponsored by the administration or the opposition—that will move the country forward.

Independent in that, as a Senate, it is not beholden to any power bloc—political, economic or social—and will, therefore, be prepared to criticize or support government policies, programs and projects where due.

Pro-people in that, as a Senate, it is always responsive to the real needs of the people, open to their plaints, and protective of their interests.

In that way, the Senate will truly be an institution that will help unify, not divide, the nation; move the country forward, not backwards, in terms of economic, social and political development; and secure the equitable, not the inequitable, enjoyment of the blessings of our democracy.

The embodiment of ideals

SENATOR EDGARDO J. ANGARA
Senate president (January 1993 to August 1995)

THE CHOICE of the Senate presidency goes to the very core of what the Senate is; it is the embodiment of the highest ideals of Filipinos. It will determine the direction this illustrious body will take and its effectiveness and relevance in legislating toward modernization and growth. Given the existing political and economic crisis—not to mention the ticking social time bomb that is the ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor—it becomes more crucial for the Senate president to possess certain qualities directly attuned to the needs of our people.

Man of vision

Primarily, the Senate president must be a man of strategic vision.

He knows and understands the Philippine scenario. He is able to assess the Philippine situation from a unique vantage point, where he can fully appreciate its problems. Given our limited resources and time, the pressing problems should be identified and addressed first. This means that he knows the overall problems of the country, and has a keen eye for distinguishing between large problems and trivial ones. After all, true enlightenment comes from knowing what the situation truly is.

He has a full grasp of the impact these problems have on our countrymen, as he must also frame and propose concrete and practical solutions. The Senate president knows the DNA of a successful and growing Philippine economy—and uses this as the blueprint for his legislative agenda.

The Senate president is able to translate his visions into reality, getting solutions implemented soonest. He is a man of action.

This is not an easy task. The Senate president has to handle 23 other senators with 23 differing views and opinions and various party affiliations. He must bridge differences and disagreements, and bring together people from various political persuasions and ideologies.

The Senate president therefore knows how to get the solutions implemented by working with people. He has sufficient persuasive skills to rally his colleagues to a common legislative agenda beneficial to the country. He has the respect and trust of his peers, so that they will work toward a common goal, not mindful of party affiliation or loyalties—only cognizant of their duty to the people.

The Senate president must be patient, determined, and single-minded. I stress the need for determination in light of the pressures from government and various sectors. The Senate president must take note of these pressures, but remain faithful to an agenda which is good for the country.

Sense of urgency

The state of poverty, malnutrition, and peace and order in the Philippines is worsening. Population growth remains at 2.3 percent, resulting in hundreds of thousands of children being born under impoverished circumstances. The peso is on a downward spiral and our country's resources are dwindling. In the face of impending globalization, we must act fast before our domestic industry and agriculture are drowned by foreign trade.

Time is of the essence and the Senate president must act with a sense of urgency. What needs to be done must be done now. Otherwise, the opportunity for progress and reform will pass.

The solutions to our country's problems will not be accomplished in a day, a month, or even during a senator's term. But the Senate president must begin pushing for a responsive legislative agenda now.

But ultimately, the Senate president must be a man with the right perspective. He is keenly aware that he represents an institution proud of its history, tradition and principles. He represents an institution, which is independent, separate from and co-equal to the Executive and Judicial branches of government. He represents an institution effective only when it remains independent and where its members enjoy an unfettered and free exchange of ideas. He never forgets that the very integrity of the Senate will be on the line if its independence is compromised.

This is particularly important when the Executive branch overreaches into the legislature. The Senate president must remember the proud history of the Senate, where senators have stood and fought for their beliefs; where the halls of the Senate have borne witness to the fiery discourse and cries for reform of its members; and where truth was always the ideal.

Ultimately, the Senate president is someone who is a constructive ally in nation-building and poverty alleviation. His is a role that can spell the difference between our country's growth and continued stagnation; life and even impending death. In his hands lies the key to cracking the code of our decades-long malaise that has condemned the Filipino to a life of poverty.

What the country needs most as her next Senate president is a dedicated public servant whom Filipinos have come to depend on for lasting solutions to age-old problems—the same statesman they have learned to trust, through high summits and churning waters.

The apostle of plurality

SENATOR FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senate president (April to November 2000)

THE QUESTION must be viewed in the light of the challenges of the present national situation. It must also take into consideration the traditions of the Senate that must be preserved, and the necessary policy reforms that it must initiate.

These are difficult times for country and people. The Macapagal administration, in its infancy, is facing a host of problems, mainly on the domestic scene. The peace and order problem instills fear in the community and scares away local and foreign investors. Poverty blights the countryside and the urban areas. Graft and corruption remain unabated.

Unemployment is high, exports are low and the peso is always losing against the dollar. The jobless cry out for work; the workers cry out for higher pay. These are not new problems. They have always been there.

The Senate president must have a full grasp not only of the socioeconomic problems but also of the crucial role of the Senate in coming up with solutions to the ills of the nation. He must recognize that this is a moment when reform has never been more urgent—and the opportunities for it never as great.

A noble tradition

The Senate has a noble tradition to preserve. Philippine history speaks of the wisdom and patriotism of those who have graced the hallowed halls of the Senate and how they worked to bring forth an institution worthy of the trust of the people.

The Senate president must therefore lead to preserve the traditions of the Senate, both as a conserving institution and, equally important if not more so, as the fount of reforms. The Senate has been seen and accepted as a center for stability, as well as a force for change.

As a lawmaking body, the Senate is committed to the basic right not only to disagree but also to protect. As leader of the chamber, the Senate president must be prepared to claim this right, and claim it often. In the defense of the chamber's independence, he must be prepared to do all that is necessary, but at the same time he must be willing to do as much in the defense of what is right. It might be that in the course of doing both, he would have to disagree with the President of the Republic as well as with others, whether in government or outside it.

The Senate president must not only encourage but work for plurality and divergence of ideas. He must have the ability to inspire both agreement and disagreement, fully cognizant that disagreement is a vital feature in a democracy; he must uphold and defend this right of every senator.

Vision and political will

The Senate president must be in the forefront of pushing for legislation urgently desired and needed by the country, especially those bearing on economic development and poverty alleviation. He must have the vision not just to formulate new thrusts and directions in policy legislation, but the political will and moral rectitude to get the members of the Senate to work together toward a common goal.

He must push relentlessly for programs of government that serve the national interest and oppose vigorously those that work to its detriment. He must uphold the Senate tradition of fiscalizing when the situation calls for it, and of cooperation when what is good for the country is on the line.

The Senate president should not lose sight of the situation on the home front. He is the chief executive of the Senate and with that office goes the responsibility of instilling efficiency and fostering productivity in the Senate administrative machinery, extending service to its constituents, and promoting high employee morale.

As one senator eloquently put it, the ideal Senate president must not only preside. More importantly, he must participate actively in the work on the floor. He must exercise hands-on leadership to ensure that the Senate legislative mill constantly runs at full speed.

On a personal plane, the Senate president must not only be perceived as but must actually be a firm and resolute leader, of unblemished integrity and high moral standards, God-fearing, compassionate to others, committed to family values and the traditional values of honesty and hard work. The last trait needs to be emphasized, because the burdens of the Senate Presidency are such that they require long hours of study and work.

Talking points

LIFTING one's own bench, even if only by implication, is an occupational hazard for all politicians. Sen. Pimentel avoids the problem altogether by reformulating the question. What kind of Senate does the country need today, he asks, and then proceeds to describe the virtues of an institution, not a person. It is hard to quarrel with that rhetorical strategy, although we trust there is no one in the Senate dense enough not to read between the lines.

Sens. Drilon and Angara, famously one-time partners a long time ago in a big-name law firm, follow essentially the same, straightforward, deductive approach. They begin with an appreciation of existing conditions, treat of the role the Senate ought to play, and then proceed to an anatomy of the kind of leader the upper chamber needs today.

Angara, the lone opposition candidate for the Senate presidency, is more unsparing in his descriptions of existing conditions: "crippling economic crisis, serious breaches in national security, utter lawlessness, and deteriorating peace and order." Drilon, the leading reelectionist for the post and an administration candidate, presents an even longer but more sanguine list: "These are not new problems. They have always been there."

A common thread runs through all three articles: the need for the next Senate president to preserve the Senate's "noble tradition" of independence. But the I-word is a political Rorschach test: you see in it only what your eyes are prepared to see. None of the senators, for instance, expressly mention the 11-10 vote on the second Jose Velarde envelope which rocked the Senate last Jan. 16, and yet this is, at this time, what defines the integrity of the Senate for the public.

Which brings us to the special character of these articles. They are campaign statements of a kind, but they are more in the nature of coded communiqués, bulletins from the inside.

The really important statements are nuances in interpretation, subtle shifts in positions.

When Angara, for instance, says the senators must "work toward a common goal, not mindful of party affiliation or loyalties—only cognizant of their duty to the people," is he signalling a greater willingness to broaden his base of support to include administration senators?

When Drilon writes that the "Senate president must not only encourage but work for plurality and divergence of ideas," what exactly is he telegraphing the opposition?

These nuances may be overheard by the public, but they gain resonance only in the suites of the Senate, in the context of the consultations and negotiations that are going on.

Finally, a word about Pimentel's style. He uses an antithetical structure—finely balanced phrases and clauses succeeding one another—made familiar to most of us through the incantatory Gettysburg Address. May the Senate, he writes, be "an institution that will help unify, not divide, the nation; move the country forward, not backwards" and so on. If done badly, the structure reveals the paucity or the triteness of the ideas behind the structure. If done well, it can convince even the cynical with a Lincolnesque flourish .—*J. Nery*

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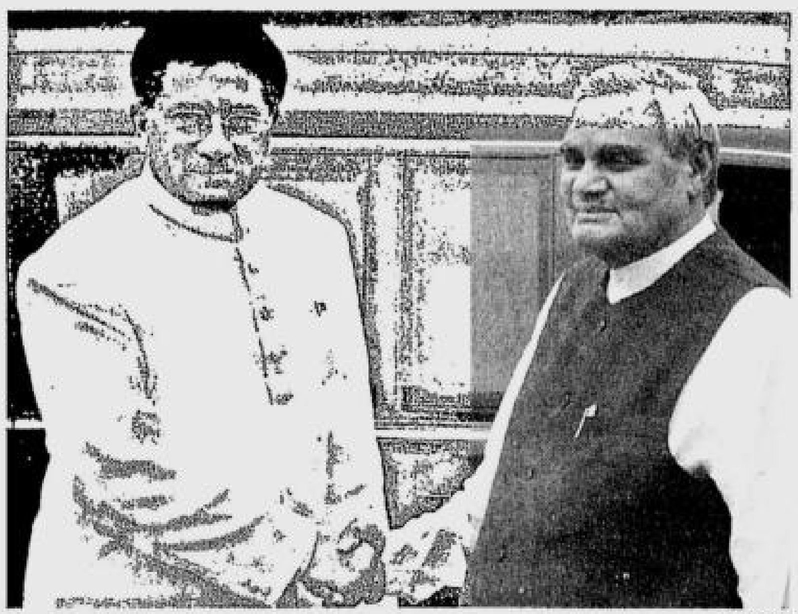

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CAUTION and hope: Musharraf (left) and Vajpayee in New Delhi July 14.

Kashmir key to success of summit–Musharraf

NEW DELHI—Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf arrived for a peace summit in India yesterday with the message that only progress on Kashmir could lead to the "full normalization" of relations.

Musharraf flew in to monsoon-swept New Delhi with a lean 15-member delegation ahead of Sunday's summit with Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, aimed at easing more than 50 years of mutual hostility and mistrust.

The run-up to the summit has been marked by a hardening of stances on both sides over the crucial issue of Kashmir—cause of two full-scale wars since the partition of the sub-continent in 1947.

In an arrival statement issued by the Pakistan High Commission, Musharraf said he had "come with an open mind" but made it clear that any movement on other bilateral issues was conditional on progress over Kashmir.

"I will be looking forward to a meaningful, frank and substantial discussion, urging them to join hands with us in resolving this dispute in accordance with the wishes of the Kashmiri people," he said.

"This will facilitate resolution of other issues and lead to a full normalization of ties."

India is adamant its sovereign claim to Kashmir—divided between the two countries and claimed by both—is non-negotiable and that the summit must address other issues like trade, cross-border terrorism and confidence-building measures between the nuclear capable rivals.

Even as Musharraf arrived, exchanges of machinegun fire were reported across the Line of Control dividing Indian- and Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

At the official welcoming ceremony hosted by President K.R. Narayanan, Musharraf, who seized power in an October, 1999 coup, was given a 21-gun salute. *AFP*

UN office slammed for racial bias

UNITED NATIONS—Three Africans said they are victims of racial bias at the United Nations and called for an internal meeting on a problem they claimed is widespread within the organization.

Two of the staffers told journalists Friday they resigned because of discrimination in the UN's mission in Kosovo, the Yugoslav province run by the United Nations since 1999.

The United Nations is investigating the claims but denies a pattern of racial discrimination.

Nana Ackom-Mensah, of Ghana, and Abdi Yahya, a Somali native and US citizen, said they and at least one other person, a Filipino, were transferred from their posts within the last year.

Ideals

"There, in Kosovo, is a very clear-cut policy of discrimination," said Yahya. He added, "Ethnic intolerance within the United Nations mission in Kosovo eats away the ideals and values" the UN was founded upon five decades ago.

Yahya claimed discrimination in personnel matters is widespread even in missions such as Kosovo, set up "to create a climate of ethnic tolerance" among Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

In March, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said the organization had a "very open and transparent system for recruitment and promotion" and that a 1999 investigation did not uncover serious race discrimination in personnel matters.

Ackom-Mensah said that "to be bullied and intimidated by senior management anywhere in the world is not only stressful, but also mentally, morally and psychologically disturbing." In a hazardous place like Kosovo, it is particularly unwelcome, she said.

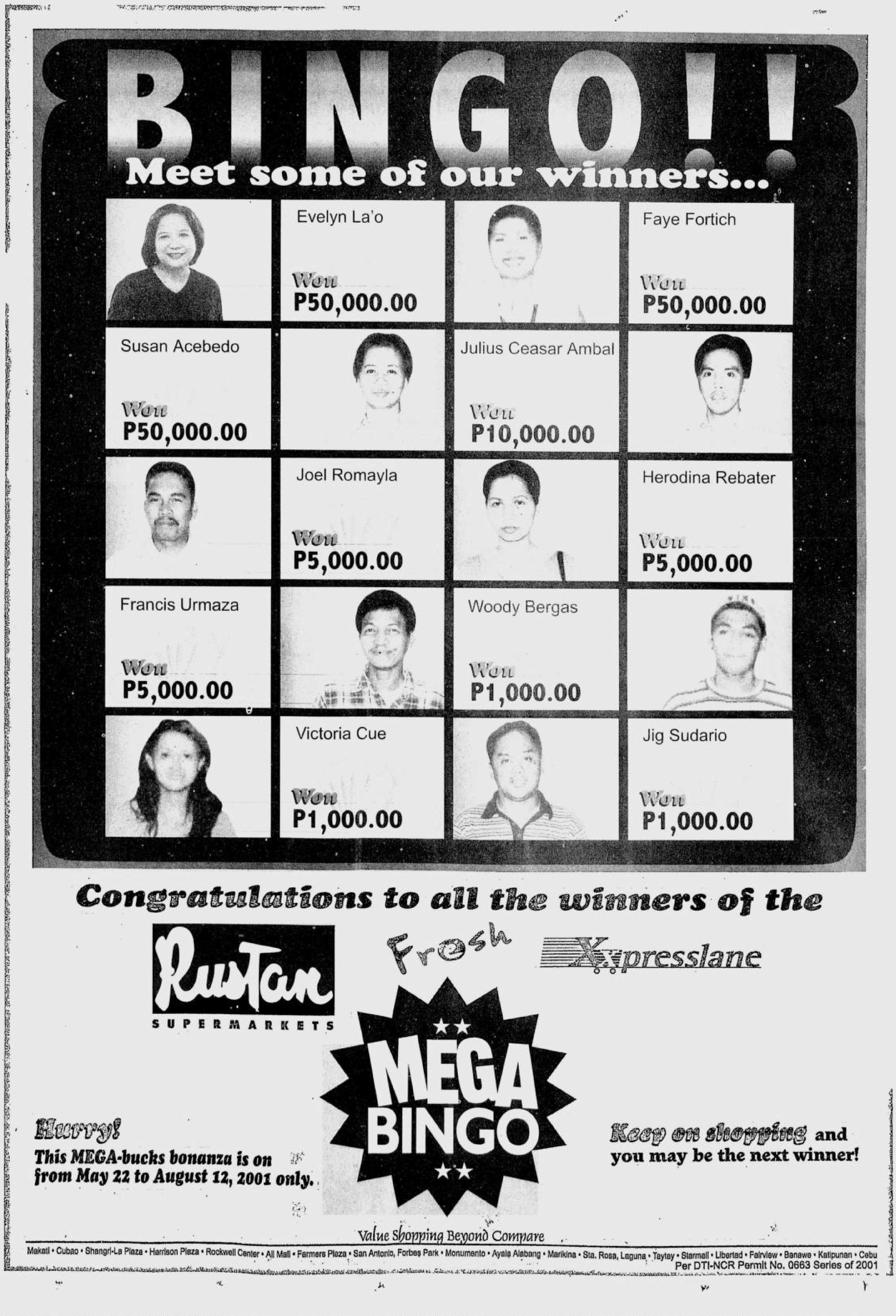
Probe

UN spokesperson Fred Eckhard said that a panel is investigating the allegations of discrimination at the UN mission in Kosovo and will issue findings by July 25.

Eckhard said it was "too bad they did not wait for the outcome" of the investigation before making the accusations public. Yahya said both his and Ackom-Mensah's resignation are effective at the end of July.

Another African, Joao Gomes of Guinea-Bissau, said he was repeatedly passed over for promotion since he joined the United Nations in 1989 and is fighting a 1998 decision not to renew his contract. Eckhard declined to comment on Gomes' case.

Gomes said it would be hypocritical to hold the World Conference Against Racism—set for Aug. 31-Sept. 7 in Durban, South Africa—without addressing the issue of bias at home. *AP*



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FLIGHT attendant Anne Marie Smith, who says she had an affair with United States Congressman Gary Condit, is interviewed by talk show host Larry King on the CNN program "Larry King Live," July 13 at the CNN studios in Los Angeles. Smith said Condit asked her to lie about their affair after intern Chandra Levy disappeared. REUTERS

Wahid aide opposes emergency rule

JAKARTA—Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid's top security minister has vowed to try to stop the embattled leader from declaring a state of emergency to stay in power, local media reports said yesterday.

"As the coordinating minister for political, social and security affairs, I will try to stop the president from issuing the decree," the Jakarta Post quoted Agum Gumelar as saying.

Wahid warned on Friday that he would declare a state of emergency at 6 p.m. on July 20 if the national assembly (MPR) did not drop plans to convene an impeachment hearing against him on Aug. 1.

The move would enable Wahid—whom his parliamentary foes accuse of incompetence and involvement in two financial scandals—to dissolve parliament.

Gumelar, a retired general, assumed his Cabinet post last month after several high ranking military officials and his predecessor, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, declared their opposition to a state of emergency.

MPR chair Amien Rais, a long-time foe of Wahid, on Friday responded to Wahid's threat by saying that should the president declare an emergency, the MPR would call the impeachment session the same day, and convene on July 21.

With the scheduled impeachment hearing only two weeks away, Wahid until Friday was still expressing confidence that he could reach a compromise with his political foes to avert impeachment.

"We still have (time). Hopefully within this week Mr. Hamzah, Mr. Akbar, with the assistance of Mr. Marzuki, will find a satisfactory resolution," Wahid said in West Java, according to the state Antara news agency.

Marzuki, Wahid's Cabinet secretary and a member of the Golkar party of former president Suharto is helping Wahid in his attempts to talks to his foes, including Golkar chair Akbar Tanjung and Hamzah Haz, leader of the Muslim United Development Party (PPP).

Wahid would need the support of the police to declare a civil emergency, but most analysts here predict that the police, which has only recently been separated form the armed forces, would not move without the military's approval.

On Saturday local media reports said the police appeared to be consolidating their ranks after a tumultuous month during which sacked police chief Gen. Suroyo Bimantoro continued to refuse to step down after being fired by Wahid.

Bimantoro, who had also said he was opposed to a state of emergency, was declared inactive by Wahid, who then appointed a new deputy national police chief to take over his duties.

More than 100 senior police officers rallied to Bimantoro's side, but the president then promoted hundreds of middle-ranked police officers who had accepted the firing and urged Bimantoro to step down.

On Thursday the police crisis peaked when a presidential spokesperson said Wahid had ordered Gumelar to take legal action against Bimantoro, including his possible arrest. *AFP*

Macedonia close to peace deal, says minister

SKOPJE—Signs are growing that Macedonian leaders are close to a deal that will clear the way for Nato troops to move in and disarm ethnic Albanian guerrillas who have brought the Balkan state to the brink of civil war.

Defense Minister Vlado Buckovski said after meeting Nato officials Friday that a political package bolstering the Albanian minority's rights could be agreed by the multiethnic coalition "before Sunday," opening the door to a Nato deployment of 3,000 troops.

He said the lightly armed Atlantic alliance force could start moving in "within 10 days, counting from Thursday (July 12)."

Buckovski said an amnesty for the guerrillas would be declared "before the deployment, according to the peace plan" drawn up by President Boris Trajkovski.

The Nato troops would deploy at a single location and gather the rebels' weapons, if leaders of the self-proclaimed National Liberation Army (NLA) agree to end their six-month armed campaign for more Albanian rights.

Trajkovski met again with US and EU envoys James Pardew and Francois Leotard Friday to keep the peace talks going after Leotard said a breakthrough was close at hand.

At the same time, legal experts continued their haggling over a draft formula for political reforms.

The document, which has already undergone one rewrite since being presented last weekend by Pardew and Leotard, was put before the leaders of the two Macedonian Slav and two ethnic Albanian coalition parties Thursday.

US envoy Pardew admitted Friday that the ongoing political negotiations were problematic.

"The negotiations have been very difficult," Pardew said. *AFP*

Lawyer says Condit passed Levy lie test

WASHINGTON—Rep. Gary Condit took a lie-detector test arranged by his lawyer and it showed he "was not deceptive in any way" in denying knowledge of what happened to missing intern Chandra Levy, the lawyer said. Police dismissed the test as "self-serving."

With Condit's relationship with Levy, who disappeared 11 weeks ago, and other women under intense media scrutiny, lawyer Abbe Lowell said that his client had cooperated fully.

"Congressman Condit has exhausted all the information he can provide, and the spotlight on him should be turned elsewhere," said Lowell, who noted the congressman has given three interviews to police, allowed a search of his apartment and submitted a DNA sample.

According to a police source, Condit, who is 53 and married, told investigators in his third interview last week that he was having an affair with Levy, a 24-year-old intern at the federal Bureau of Prisons from the congressman's Modesto, California-area home district. She was last seen April 30.

Police, however, have repeatedly said Condit is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance, and that he is one of dozens of people who have been interviewed, some more than once.

Investigators are awaiting lab results on Condit's DNA sample and items they took from Condit's apartment during a search this week, said Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer.

Lowell declined to provide any more details about Condit's relationship with Levy. He would not identify all the questions that were asked during the test, but said Condit was deemed to have answered truthfully when he said "no" to the three most important questions:

- Did the congressman have anything at all to do with Miss Levy's disappearance?
- Did he harm her or cause anyone else to harm her in any way?
- Does he know where she can be located?

Lowell said the test was administered by Barry D. Colvert, a polygraph expert who Lowell said teaches FBI officials how to administer the tests and has been used by the government in a number of high-profile espionage cases.

Gainer acknowledged Colvert has a good reputation and said there could be some value in the test.

But Gainer left no doubt that police were not satisfied with the test. "We wanted to ask the questions," Gainer told reporters.

Asking Condit to take a privately administered test, Gainer said, was a "slight bit self-serving."

Billy Martin, the lawyer for Levy's parents, also criticized Condit for not submitting to an FBI polygraph expert. "It seems that the congressman and his attorneys snuck off to a private polygraph examiner and took a polygraph on his terms," Martin said.

Police say they are pursuing four theories about Levy: she was murdered, she killed herself, she went into hiding or she has amnesia. However, police say they have all but ruled out suicide since so much time has passed and no body has been found. *AP*

Math Olympics: China 1st place, US, Russia next

WASHINGTON—Though China won six gold medals with two perfect scores, the real winner at this year's International Mathematical Olympiad, which ended Friday, was 18-year-old Reid Barton, a four-time champion after this year's perfect score.

More than 450 participants from 83 countries competed in the two-week math challenge, which ended Friday with a ceremony and a dinner at the Kennedy Center here. US President George W. Bush sent a pretaped congratulations message to the winners.

The United States and Russia tied for second place behind perennial winner China, with US students, led by the home-schooled Barton, taking four golds and two silvers and the Russian team winning five golds and one silver. Kazakhstan followed with four golds and one silver.

Barton, who works part-time at the high-tech firm Akamai, will on Sunday head to Helsinki for the International Olympiad in Informatics, an annual computer competition, said IMO team leader Titu Andreescu. He has won a gold medal in four consecutive Olympics, a world record.

Students under the age of 20 who have not yet entered university are eligible to compete in the math Olympics, which involves two six-question exams lasting four-and-a-half hours each. The rest of the competition included sports and field trips. *AFP*

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)—Preliminary investigation—Rule 112, Section 1 of the Rules of Court defines a preliminary investigation as "an inquiry or proceeding for the purpose of determining whether there is sufficient ground to engender a well-founded belief that a crime cognizable by the Regional Trial Court has been committed and that the respondent is probably guilty thereof, and should be held liable for trial." For practical considerations and also dictated by necessity considering the lack of prosecutors in the provinces, Judges of the Municipal Trial Courts and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts have been authorized to conduct preliminary investigations. When a municipal judge conducts a preliminary investigation, he performs a non-judicial function. His function is merely executive in nature. As such, the findings of an investigating judge are subject to review by the Provincial Fiscal whose findings in turn may also be reviewed by the Secretary of Justice in appropriate cases. Hence, after conducting the preliminary investigation, it is the ministerial duty of the investigating judge to transmit within 10 days after the conclusion thereof the resolution of the case together with the entire records to the Provincial Prosecutor in accordance with Section 5 of Rule 112, regardless of his belief or opinion of the character of the crime committed. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Kapunan, First Division, Cabarloc v. Cabusora, A.M. No: MTJ-00-1256, December 15, 2000]

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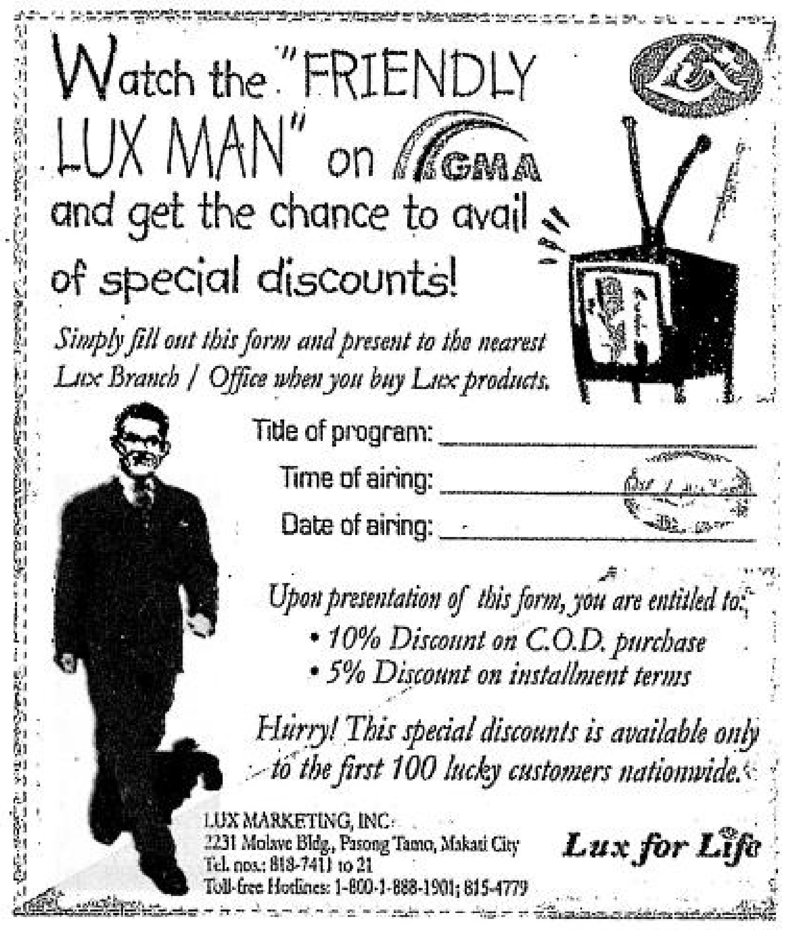

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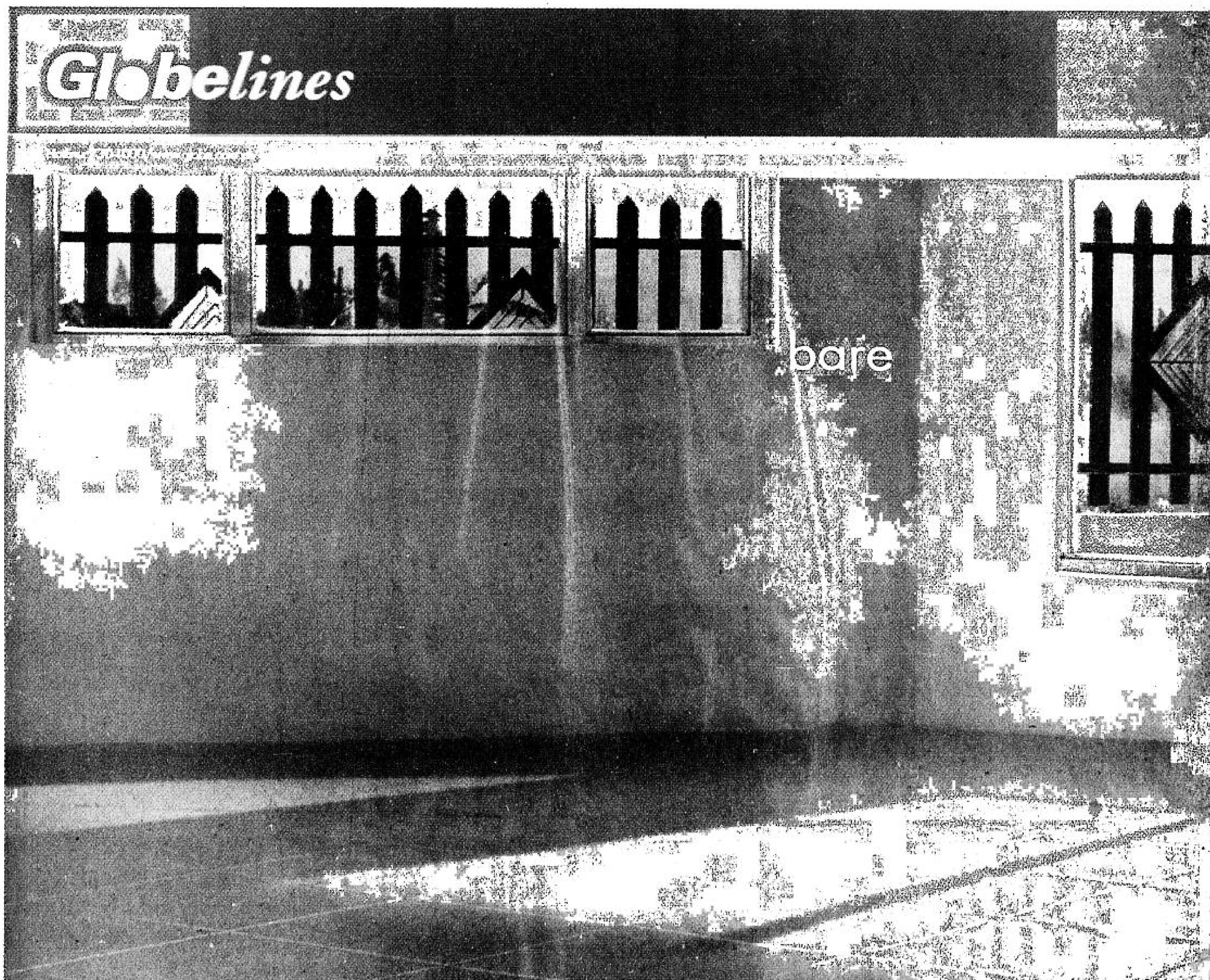


China convicts US academic of spying

BEIJING—An American academic, Li Shaomin, was convicted of spying in China yesterday and ordered deported, the state news agency Xinhua reported.

Li's conviction was announced by the agency less than seven hours after his trial had been scheduled to begin.

The agency did not say when Li would be deported.

Li, 45, has been in detention since Feb. 25 when he was picked up in the southern city of Shenzhen, just north of Hong Kong, and detained without explanation.

The Chinese-born US academic, who was formally charged with spying for Taiwan in May, has a doctorate from Princeton University and was teaching at the City University of Hong Kong up until his arrest.

"Large number of evidence produced at the court show that Li accepted tasks from a Taiwan spy organization and collected information for it, which harmed state security of China," Xinhua said.

Analysts had predicted Li's trial would be wrapped up quickly and that he would be deported to erase unresolved sensitive issues from Sino-US relations ahead of a visit by US Secretary of State Colin Powell at the end of this month.

Powell will be the most senior US official to visit China under the Bush administration.

The trial was timed the day after Beijing won the bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games to avoid controversy during the bid, analysts said.

Li's case is believed to be the first trial involving a US citizen held on political charges since the 1995 trial of Harry Wu, a Chinese-American who was charged with spying for videotaping and documenting China's use of prison labor.

Other US residents, who were not citizens, have been tried by China in the past.

Wu was put on a flight back to the United States the day after the verdict was announced.

A US Embassy official welcomed China's decision to deport Li but said he did not know when Li would be deported or where he would be deported to. *AFP*

LI SHAOMIN

Charles hit for not going to Di's grave

LONDON—The brother of Diana, Princess of Wales, has criticized Prince Charles for failing to visit the grave of his late wife, British media reported yesterday.

Lord Charles Spencer implied he believed that the prince, the heir to the British throne, wanted to draw a line under his failed marriage to Diana, who died in a car crash in Paris in August 1997.

Spencer lamented the fact that almost four years later Prince Charles had not been to see her resting place on an island at Althorp, her childhood home in central England.

Invitation

"Prince Charles has an open invitation to the memorial but as yet he has not paid a visit. You would have to ask him or his representatives why he hasn't," Spencer said in a BBC interview.

With the exception of Diana's sons Prince William and Prince Harry, not one member of the royal family has been to Althorp since the Princess' funeral in September 1997, The Times said.

Spencer added: "I have no idea why he (Prince Charles) has not done so but it may be that he sees her as an ex-wife."

Prince William, 19, made an emotional pilgrimage to his mother's island grave on July 1 on what would have been her 40th birthday.

Birthday

On the morning of her birthday he rowed the 40 meters to her burial site, The Times added.

He spent several minutes alone at the graveside, leaving a small bunch of white flowers.

Asked by Simon Mayo, a BBC radio presenter, whether he thought Charles was being callous, Spencer replied: "I don't know. I don't look at it from his point of view.

"It's an ex-wife from his point of view so maybe that's how he views it."

Charles and Diana divorced in August 1996. She died a year later in a car crash.

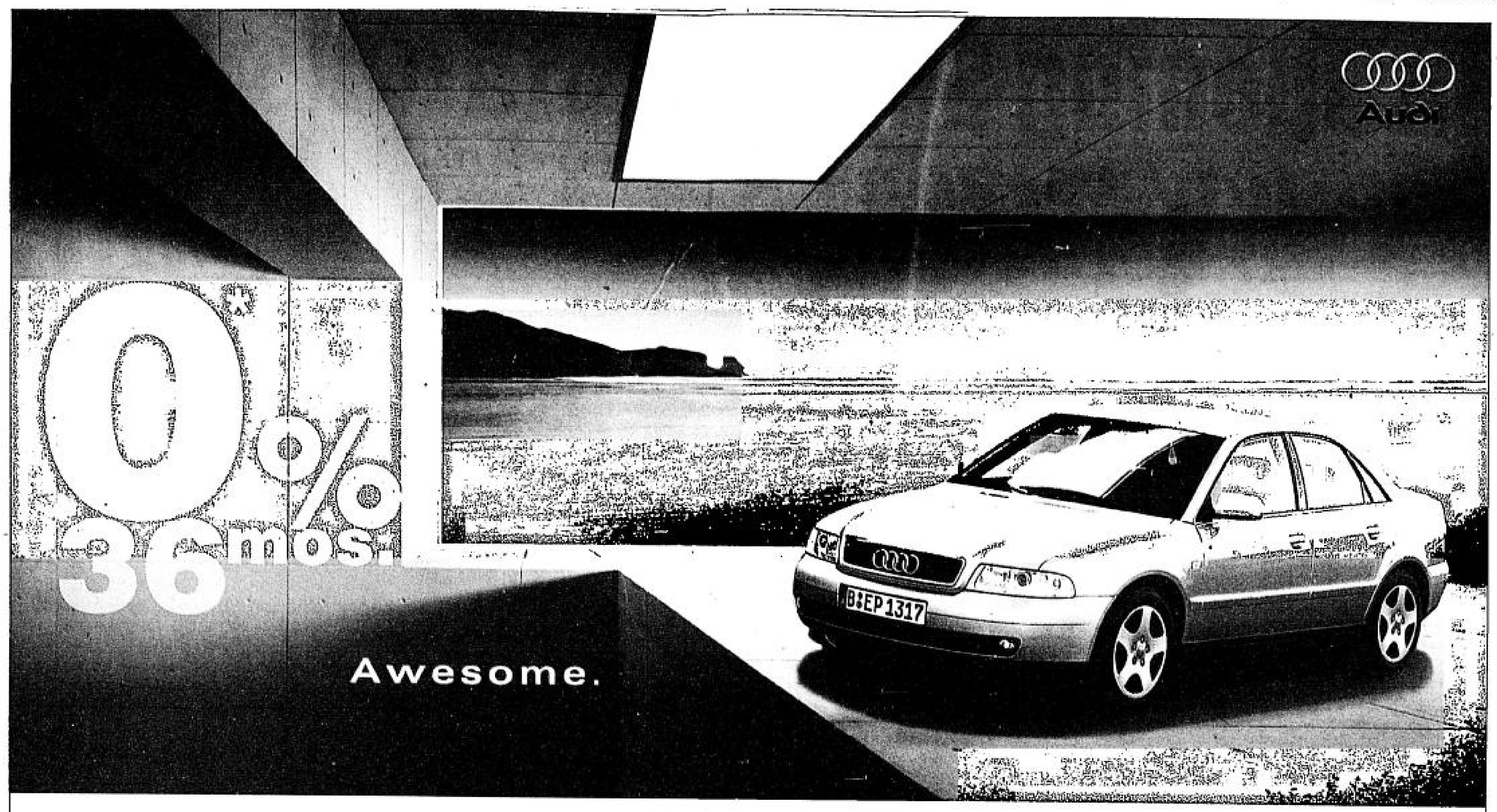
Museum

Spencer has created a memorial museum to the princess at the family seat. Hundreds of thousands of people have visited the gardens and house, which is open every summer.

A spokesperson for St James's Palace, Prince Charles's London residence, told The Times: "How the prince remembers is a private matter for him."

Spencer's comments come a week after Charles declined for the first time to rule out the prospect of marrying his long-time companion Camilla Parker Bowles.

"Who knows what the good Lord has planned? You can't be certain about anything," he said in a magazine interview. *AFP*



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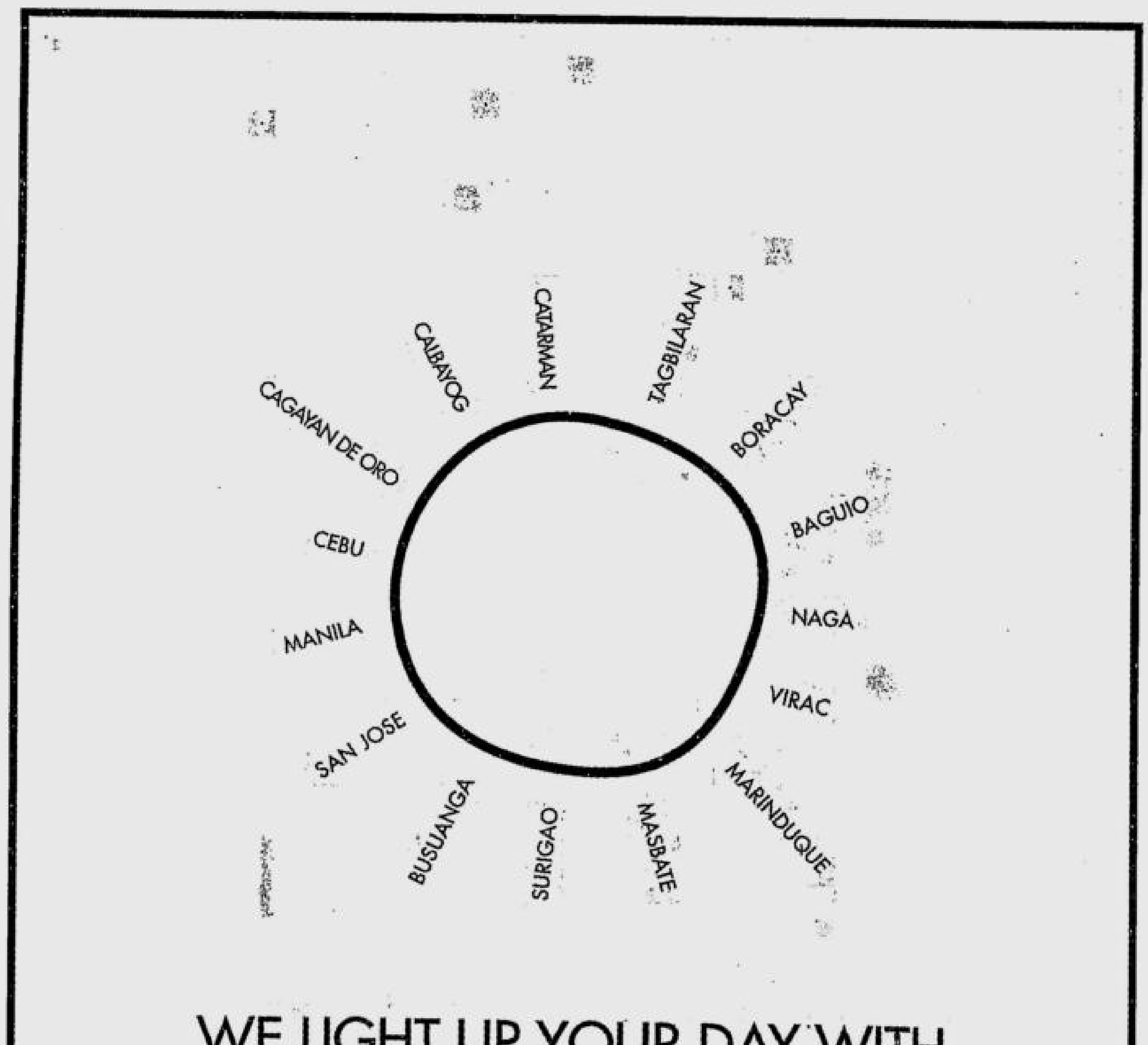

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Kidnappers of Chinese demand $4M

COTABATO CITY—Kidnappers of Chinese engineer Zhang Zhong Quiang, who are demanding $4 million (P212 million) in ransom, yesterday said they would negotiate only through an emissary from the Libyan Embassy.

The leader of the kidnap gang also said they wanted Zhang's firm, China Import-Export Technologies (Citech), out of the Malitubog-Maridagao irrigation dam project in Carmen, North Cotabato, "because they are treasure hunters disguised as contractors."

"We will only listen to any official from (the) Libyan Embassy," Hamsha Abu said in Filipino in a video footage that reached Notre Dame Broadcasting Corp. here.

Abu, who belongs to the Lanao del Sur-based kidnap gang led by Faizal Marohombsar, threatened to behead Zhang, 43, if the demands are not met.

Zhang, who hardly speaks English, was carrying a large amount of cash when he was seized on June 20 by four gunmen. The victim also works as procurement officer of Citech.

Police arrested four suspects who admitted that the victim was handed over to a kidnap gang for the negotiation.

Abu and Faizal claimed Zhang was brought to the hinterlands of Lanao del Sur, but North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, who was designated by the Chinese Council General's office as in charge of the rescue efforts, would not buy the kidnappers' claim.

"I don't care who they are. The government will not give in to their demands," Piñol said as he insisted on the government's no-ransom policy.

Abu warned that if Libya would not negotiate for Citech, they will hand over Zhang to the Abu Sayyaf group in Basilan and Sulu.

"If the negotiation will not take place, we will behead this man," Abu said in a videotape sent to media outlets here.

"I don't care if they bring Zhang to Basilan, Sulu or Tawi-tawi," Piñol said. "These people should not be allowed to kidnap anyone in North Cotabato and get ransom . . . we will not allow that."

In the video footage, the victim appeared tired and had lost weight while in captivity.

"We are taking care of him, he even sleeps beside our men," Abu said.

Presidential Assistant Jesus Dureza for Mindanao said Zhang's abductors would not get any ransom. But he offered livelihood to the group if they surrendered and availed themselves of the government's amnesty program. *Edwin O. Fernandez and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

UP-Baguio ROTC cadets walk out

BAGUIO CITY—About 130 Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) cadets of the University of the Philippines College Baguio walked out of training on Saturday to support calls for the abolition of the ROTC in colleges and universities.

The cadets, who were joined by members of the League of Filipino Students and Anakbayan, marched down Session Road here and encouraged ROTC cadets from other schools in the city to join their protest actions.

The clamor for the abolition of the ROTC started in Metro Manila schools on July 1. It was triggered by the death of University of Sto. Tomas student Mark Chua who revealed corruption and other irregularities in the UST-ROTC.

An official of the UPCB-ROTC, who declined to be identified, said 45 cadets and cadet officials did not join the walkout. He assailed the way other student groups urged the cadets to leave their training.

"We did not consider that a walkout. Members of the LFS just shouted rudely while we were having our training. If they don't want the ROTC, they can talk to us politely," he said.

Voltaire Tupaz, spokesperson of the National Union of Students of the Philippines chapter here, said irregularities in the ROTC came in many forms.

"Why do the cadets pay P1,900 each for uniforms? Is the fatigue uniform any help when they go out and serve the people?" he asked.

Tupaz described the ROTC as an "obsolete course" since the country was not hounded by external threats.

But the UPCB-ROTC official said the reasons being cited by the protesters were "*mababaw* (shallow)."

"We're just following Republic Act 7077, which tells us the value of ROTC training," he said. *Ira May Joyce Pedrasa and Allan Macatuno, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Infant found dead

KIDAPAWAN CITY—A newborn boy was found dead inside a shoebox thrown in a mound of garbage on Perez Street here Tuesday morning. Police said the baby still had his umbilical cord. Alejandra Latito, a vendor and among the first to see the baby, said she tried to revive the baby but to no avail.

Jeffrey M. Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Wiretap case vs Ping

DAVAO CITY—Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, police director in Southern Mindanao and member of a reform movement within the Philippine National Police, said he was seeking the reopening of the anti-wiretapping case filed against Sen. Panfilo Lacson. Matillano expressed optimism that Lacson would be prosecuted for violation of the Anti-Wiretapping Law. Lacson, then head of the PNP Task Force Alpha, allegedly ordered the bugging of phones of practically every high-ranking police official and the offices of its special task force in 1998.

Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Suspected NPA slain

DAVAO CITY—Government troops killed a suspected communist rebel during an encounter in a remote village in Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur, Sunday. Maj. Romeo Ucag, chief of the Army's Civil Relations Group for Southeastern Mindanao identified the fatality as Rodel Gobolane. Ucag said soldiers of the Army's 25th Infantry Battalion and militiamen were in the boundary of Saliducon and Sinuron villages when they encountered a group of New People's Army rebels. Recovered from the battle site were a combat pack containing anti-government documents, a handheld radio, a grenade, and a .357 cal. revolver.

Allan Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Tourist arrivals down

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Tourist arrivals in Northern Mindanao dropped by 14 percent during the first quarter compared with the number during the same period last year, according to the regional tourism office here. The decrease was monitored after the Sipadan hostage crisis in April last year and the government's all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Tourist arrivals have dwindled again lately after the Dos Palmas kidnapping incident in May. According to the tourism department, only 4,864 foreigners arrived in the region from January to March, a 33-percent decline from 7,215 during the first quarter of 2000. *Grace Cantal-Albasin and Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Anti-drugs campaign launched in Lanao Sur

COTABATO CITY—Sectoral groups in Lanao del Sur are up in arms against the rampant use of illegal drugs in the province.

Supt. Gani Acera, police mobile group chief in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said a province-wide educational campaign on illegal drugs was launched to check the growing number of drug dependents.

Acera said the police were also after "drug lords" financing the operations of white slavery, prostitution, guns-for-hire, kidnapping, robbery and extortion gangs.

Last week, Acera said his men arrested Vilma Sariff and her 10-year-old son for allegedly selling shabu (methampethamine hydrochloride) to school children in Malabang, Lanao del Sur.

Police seized P30,000 worth of shabu from them. Shabu costs P3,800 per sachet.

The entry of shabu in Lanao del Sur has reduced the demand for marijuana in schools, said Malabang Mayor Anwar Balindong, who held an anti-drug symposium in his town last Sunday.

"The demand for shabu among drug users in the province and in my municipality has risen (so) tremendously that children of prominent families have already been lured to it," Balindong said in Maranao.

"We've got to put an end to this before Malabang and the whole of Lanao rot and stink," he added.

He said he would give a cash reward to anyone who can report to the authorities the financiers or peddlers of illegal drugs.

Obaida Plawan, 15, a student leader of the Malabang National High School, has urged police and military authorities "to jail the pusher and rehabilitate the user."

Plawan, who appealed for a "drug-free Malabang" said this would only happen if all other towns in Lanao del Sur and other neighboring provinces have the same vision.

Civic leader Adolfo Briones said the success of the anti-drug campaign depended on the "political will of our leaders in enforcing the law without fear or favor."

Malabang officials have agreed to impose a curfew from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. ***Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Sale of Bohol utility firm probed

By Malou G. Apalisok
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CEBU CITY—Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado has ordered a review of the alleged irregular sale of a power and water utilities company owned by the province to a private consortium last year.

Aumentado issued Executive Order 1 on July 9, ordering the creation of a committee to review the provincial government's joint venture project with the Consortium of Salcon International, Salcon Philippines and Salcon Ltd.

The committee will recommend legal remedies to purge provisions of the agreement that would be found grossly disadvantageous to the provincial government and the consumers.

Provincial legal officer Angel Ucat Jr. will head the committee. Members are provincial prosecutor Reinerio Namocatcat, Paulino Clarin, dean of the Divine Word College-College of Law; Artemio Villas, Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Bohol president; and first assistant city prosecutor Adriano Montes.

Last year, then Bohol Gov. Rene Relampagos sold the Provincial Power Utilities Department (PPUD), a province-owned firm that serves Tagbilaran City and Bohol, to Salcon Consortium for P150 million through a joint venture agreement.

Relampagos ran for a third term in the May 14 elections but lost to Aumentado by about 10,000 votes.

Under the agreement, the PPUD's operation was turned over to two newly formed companies, Bohol Light and Bohol Water, which are managed by Salcon Consortium.

Salcon Consortium has a 70-percent equity in the two companies. The provincial government keeps the remaining 30 percent.

But Bohol lawyers Zotico Ochavillo, Nerio Zamora, Aster Apalisok-Piollo, Alexander Lim, Victor de la Serna and Myrna Pagsuberon questioned the project, claiming the province lost P998 million in the transaction.

They claimed Salcon, which offered a bid of P150 million, bagged the contract although the other bidders, like Aboitiz, offered higher bids.

The lawyers said the Manila-based Asian Appraisal Co. Inc. assessed the PPUD to be worth P1.48 billion.

But the firm, they added, was reportedly told to make another assessment until it came up with a P150-million evaluation by excluding the franchise value of the power and water firm.

The lawyers, however, pointed out that the PPUD's franchise value should be taken as a major consideration in the valuation because the firm is a monopoly in Tagbilaran.

They also questioned why the provincial government paid P47 million to Salcon Consortium for its 30-percent equity in the two companies. The money, they claimed, was taken from the P150 million paid by Salcon to the provincial government.

In October last year, the lawyers filed plunder cases against Relampagos and other provincial officials before the Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas based in Cebu City for allegedly conspiring "to commit the biggest crime against the people of Bohol."

The case is still pending.

They filed a petition for injunction before the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) last year to stop the provincial board from passing a resolution that would authorize Relampagos to enter into a contract with Salcon.

But the MTCC dismissed their petition on a technicality, prompting the lawyers to elevate their case to the regional trial court.

Judge Venancio Amila of RTC Branch 3 also junked the petition, saying the issue was "political and does not fall within jurisdiction of the court."

The lawyers elevated the case before the Court of Appeals. They were able to secure a 60-day injunction order but 24 hours after the injunction's expiry, the provincial government turned over supervision and management of the PPUD to Salcon.

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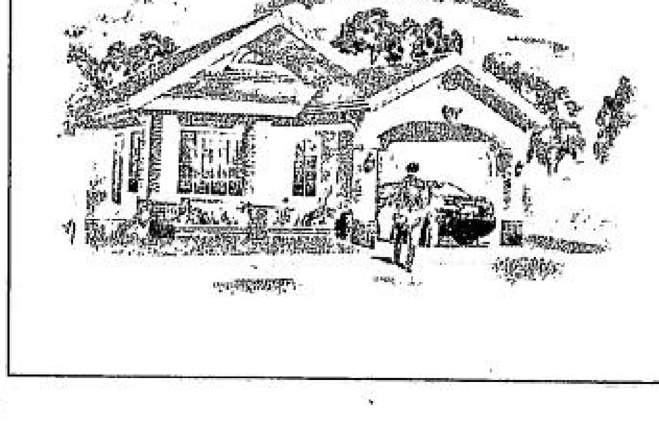

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The Huluga Caves: Back to prehistory

BY FROILAN GALLARDO
Cagayan de Oro City

DID men and women live and hunt in what is now Cagayan de Oro City at the time the Egyptians built the pyramids?

Historians and anthropologists in Cagayan de Oro City believe they have evidence that man lived here even before the Egyptian boy King Tutankhamen ascended to his throne in 1360 B.C.

But this important archeological evidence would soon be forever lost.

The archeological site that contained the artifact, including those dating back to the Iron Age, would be destroyed to make way for development.

LUIS Ostique, curator of the Xavier Museum, examines the walls of the Huluga Caves.

The Huluga Caves and an adjoining open site block the path of a proposed bridge and a four-lane highway in Barangay Taguanao in Cagayan de Oro.

The bridge is expected to open for development the southern hilly portion of the city and ease worsening traffic.

The anthropologists and historians are furious. "Government planners have the habit of tearing down all historical sites in the city," said historian Antonio Montalvan III.

"It's a pity because Cagayanons will no longer be able to see this important heritage," says Dr. Erlinda Burton, chair of the Rural Institute for Mindanao Cultures of Xavier University.

Findings

Burton said the Huluga Caves and the open site in an adjoining crop field contained evidence that man was already in Cagayan de Oro during the Neolithic Age or 1600 B.C.

"This means that civilization was in Cagayan de Oro at that time the Egyptians built their pyramids," Burton said.

She said the findings in the Huluga Caves were the oldest archeological find in Mindanao.

"We have proof that civilization existed here before Rome became an empire in 753 B.C. and the Great Wall of China was completed in 204 B.C.," Burton said.

"What a waste if the caves and the open site would be destroyed. Cagayanons will never know their history," she added.

Most of the findings were made by the Philippine National Museum and a team of anthropologists from Xavier University led by Burton in the 1970s and 1990s.

In one of the caves, the team found the skeletal remains of a woman and a broken pottery.

A bone fragment was sent to the Scripps Institute in La Jolla, California. Through a process called acid racemization, the institute dated the piece to 1,600 BC.

Senior Museum Researcher Angel Bautista of the National Museum, who made 21 archeological diggings in the site, also found pottery fragments dating back to the early Ming Dynasty in the 14th century.

Prehistoric culture

"The sites provided evidence of a prehistoric culture that once flourished specifically in the west and east banks of the Cagayan River," Bautista said in a report.

The report also suggested that the recovered artifacts ranged from the Metal Age to the "age of contact" before the Spaniards arrived in the Philippines.

This only meant that civilization had lived in the Huluga Caves and the adjoining areas until the Spaniards came, Burton said.

In his book, "Cagayan," the late Fr. Francisco Demetrio, S.J., said the Augustinian Recollect friars persuaded local chieftain Datu Salangsang and the natives to move from the Huluga Caves to the present site of Cagayan de Oro in what is now Gaston Park in 1622.

"We should be proud of the Huluga Caves. That is our birthplace, the seat of ancient Cagayan de Oro," said Luis Ostique, curator of the Xavier University museum.

For lack of money, Ostique said no new archeological diggings were made after 1992.

ARTIFACTS found from the Huluga Caves, including a woman's skull, are displayed at the Xavier University Museum in Cagayan de Oro City.

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The caves have been forgotten. The present site has been transformed into pastureland and trees grow from the alluvial deposits that were formed as the Cagayan de Oro River changed course.

Access to the caves remains difficult though. The caves are found 100 feet in a cliff above the river. One has to rappel down to get inside.

Time has also caught up with the caves.

Bridge project

The city government has decided to build a bridge and a four-lane highway across the adjoining Huluga open site.

"This bridge means a lot to us. It will open the city's southern portion for development and ease our traffic problem," says city engineer Jorie Bingona.

He said the city had already been experiencing worsening traffic problems despite the existence of two other bridges.

Bingona said 16,000 to 18,000 vehicles passed every 16 hours over the old bridge beside City Hall.

"The more bridges we have, the better. We need five more new bridges," he said.

Bingona said the city should have built one bridge every 10 years since 1970 to ease the traffic flow, or a total of four bridges. But only one bridge was built in the 1980s when the Iligan-Cagayan de Oro-Butuan highway was constructed, he said.

"The people kept on prodding us to build more bridges. We are now ready, but here comes this problem about the Huluga Caves," Bingona said.

The bridge in Taguanao would be built by White-Horse Trading Development Corp., a Manila-based firm, under a "build-transfer" scheme.

Total cost of the bridge, including the nine-kilometer highway, is more than P600 million.

No ECC

Esteban Agdagdag, senior operations manager of White Horse Trading, said construction started in January but was stopped temporarily. Operations would resume this month.

Presently, a jetty was constructed for the cranes and other heavy equipment to cross the Cagayan de Oro River.

The regional Environment Management Bureau, however, found the construction firm operating without an Environmental Clearance Certificate or ECC.

The city government applied for an ECC only on May 29.

Faced with all the problems, Bingona gave assurance that a portion of the road would be diverted so that the construction would not destroy the archeological site.

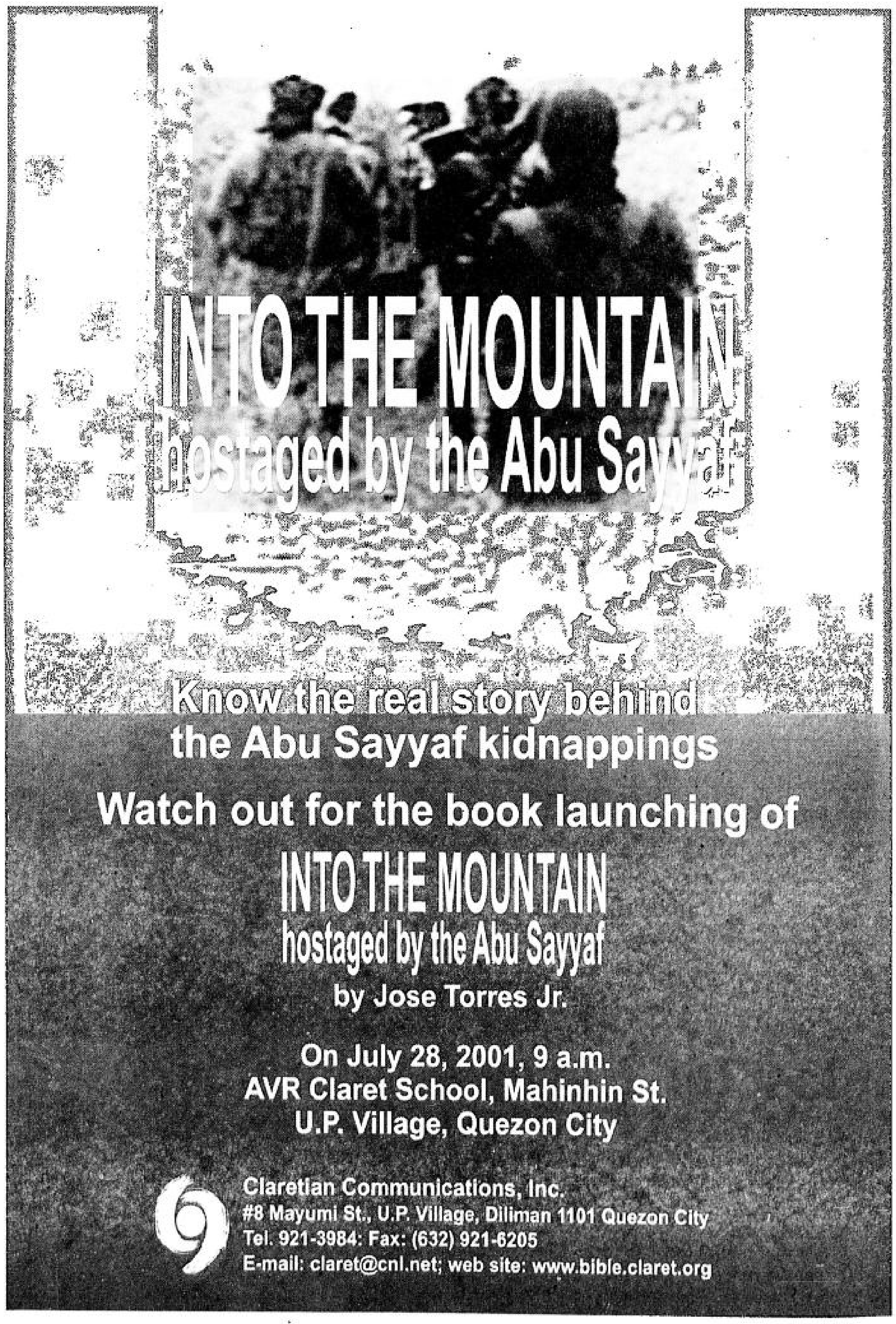
He said the proposed bridge would be constructed 250 meters from the Huluga Caves.

"I am also a Cagayanon. I assure you enough mitigating measures would be set in place to preserve the site," Bingona told the INQUIRER.

Agdagdag said his firm would work closely with historians and anthropologists during the construction and promised to turn over any artifacts found during the road construction.

Still, local historians, anthropologists and tourism officials would not say yes.

Dorothy Jean Pabayo, regional director of the Department of Tourism, has asked Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon to intervene in order to preserve the archeological site.



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Young guns no more

BY EDWIN O. FERNANDEZ
Cotabato City

FOR 13-year-old Guialil Esmael, a gun is not a toy. If you have it, you are someone else in the community, he says.

Many times in his young life, Esmael saw, held but never attempted to fire guns. "I was frightened because I know it can take precious lives."

In the swampy community where he lives, children imitate what they see in the movies, carrying and keeping replicas of the firearms.

Enchanted by the power of the gun, Esmael says he bought three pellet guns, all replicas of a .45-cal. pistol, "several Decembers ago."

Esmael is among the many children all over the country who had learned to love toy guns, unaware of the values they had imbibed.

But teachers at the J. Marquez Elementary School in Cotabato City are molding their pupils to work for peace and become instruments of peace and understanding.

Esmael, the would-be valedictorian when he graduates this school year, has learned to hate guns, including replicas, and the culture of violence they spawn.

When the campaign of the United National Multi-Donor program against the proliferation of illicit small firearms was announced, Esmael volunteered to hand over his toys. His school was chosen as pilot area of the campaign.

Tree seedlings

The young boy will lead his schoolmates in gathering replicas of the instruments of death in exchange for seedlings of fruit-bearing trees that the peace advocates, academe and the military are offering.

Esmael has this simple advice to those belonging to his generation: "Let's do away with the instruments of war. Let's be peacemakers. Let's sacrifice so that others may be happy, including our parents."

"A very simple appeal from this boy," says Manding Salik, principal of the J. Marquez Elementary School. "But it brings a very strong signal to you and me."

Esmael would not say how many toy guns the pupils would gather. "*Basta marami* (Many, for sure)."

Ramon Flores, program coordinator of UN program, said the campaign would be launched at the end of the month, in time for the culminating activity of the government's Disaster Consciousness Month.

Campaign theme

With the theme "From Instruments of Death to Nurturing of Life," the campaign encourages elementary school children to have their toy guns turned over to peace advocates in exchange for seedlings which they can plant and nurture.

The participants are the Cotabato City Kids for Peace; Department of Education, Culture and Sports; Norte Dame University Center for Peace; Justice and Integrity of Creation; and the Army's 6th Infantry Division.

"This symbolic gesture from the children will send a strong message of peace to the public and to those who are in the business of small firearms," Flores said in a statement.

About 1,000 school children will receive seedlings in exchange for their toy guns. Teachers will explain the rationale of the program, Flores said.

The organizers will also conduct roundtable discussions on how to expand the project to cover not only Cotabato City but also other urban centers in Mindanao.

"The collected toy guns will be swapped to access support from the UNDP Small Arms Trust Fund to sustain the initiative," Flores said.

The Kids for Peace, an organization of school children in Mindanao, had earlier initiated the collection of toy guns during the Army-Moro rebel war last year.

Army support

According to military estimates, Southern Philippines has at least 100,000 loose firearms, excluding those in the hands of Moro rebels and other bandit groups.

Maj. Julieto Ando, 6th ID spokesperson, said the military was extending full support to the campaign because the "love guns," although replicas among children, must be "contained" before they could acquire the real ones.

He suggested though that appeals should be sent to the manufacturers of toy guns, especially those resembling the real ones.

"Toy guns are used in some criminal acts, like robbery and hold-up," he said.

Cotabato City has an ordinance banning the sale of firearm replicas. Despite the law, toy guns still proliferate in the city during the months before December.

Manufacturers are getting bolder, making and selling toy guns similar to the real ones in size and shape.

Flores explained that the program was in line with the coming international Conference on the campaign against illicit small firearms at the UN headquarters.

From the heart

Asked why the toy guns which cannot kill or maim anyone, are being collected, Flores said "we would like to start the campaign from the very heart of it—the love of gun. Love of gun starts when one begins to possess toy guns."

"We would like to hit the minds of young people," he said.

Flores said the UN campaign was proven successful in war-torn countries, like Albania, El Salvador and the Republic of Congo.

In Congo, the UNDP is succeeding in demobilizing combatants by collecting close to 5,000 weapons from ex-militiamen while providing them livelihood opportunities.

Because of the success of the campaign, more countries are requesting for assistance to curb the proliferation of firearms as part of their development agenda.

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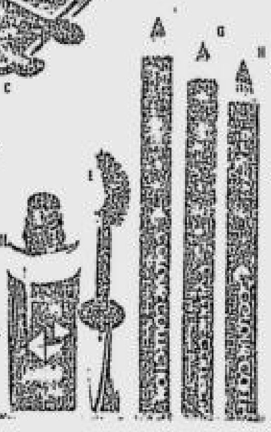

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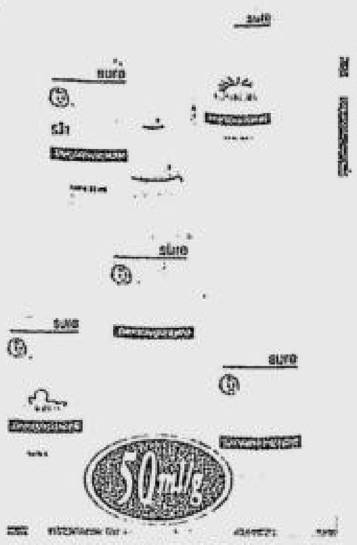

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Crackdown goes on

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CHECKPOINTS were set up in Basilan after President Macapagal ordered, the arrest to all Abu Sayyaf members and supporters in Basilan.

would be taken was disconcerting given the supposed democratic setup in the country.

But he declined to give the military a time frame for the roundup of suspected Abu Sayyaf members and supporters.

"We are talking here of a war zone. I don't want to second-guess the military ground commander," he said.

On Friday, the President announced before a large business gathering in Makati City that she had ordered the crackdown to finally destroy the Abu Sayyaf.

She said a "state of lawlessness" was prevailing in Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Zamboanga City but that there was no need to declare this or suspend the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* because the crackdown was being done in accordance with the Constitution.

Mosques

"What we want to clarify is that there is no truth to a report that mosques were raided," Tiglao told reporters at a briefing.

"The military raided no mosques. In fact, they had very strict orders not to enter mosques."

Tiglao said that under the guidelines issued by Perez, the military should first contact the concerned religious leader if there was a need to enter any mosque.

He said mosques should be entered only in "exceptional cases," such as when armed bandits were seen entering these places of worship to elude the military.

Tiglao said the military was also under strict orders to conduct the crackdown without violating human rights. He said the warrantless arrests were no cause for alarm as suspects would be charged within 36 hours.

But the CHR's Mamauag questioned the conduct of zoning the villages after the Islamic congregational prayer on Friday, which, to believers of Islam, is a day of worship and of rest.

"The motive of the arrest and zoning is fine, but the manner in which it was done is still a violation, and this will create more tension and develop more fear among the civilians in Basilan," he said.

In Manila, Amirah Ali Lidasan of the Moro-Christian People's Alliance said: "If (Friday's) arrests were a test drive for more warrantless arrests in Western Mindanao, then the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*, if not a de facto martial law, may not be far behind."

Lidasan said that while the President did not formally declare a "state of lawlessness" in the specified areas, "her intensive military crackdown may very well result in the abuse of power of enforcers and local officials in Basilan."

Lidasan said the government should instead go after the military officials and local government leaders who had long "coddled" the Abu Sayyaf.

She added: "We know that the President needs a good State of the Nation report on the gains of her administration on July 23. But please, she should not use the Moro issue again.

"If the crackdown on Muslim civilians continues, it will not constitute *pogi* or *ganda* points for her, as it did for ousted President Joseph Estrada last year."

Ages 16-47

In Zamboanga City, Southern Command spokesperson Lt. Col. Danilo Servando said members of the 104th Army Brigade in Sulu, headed by Col. Romeo Tolentino, had rounded up 15 suspected Abu Sayyaf members, including a minor.

Thirteen of those arrested, ages 16 to 47, were identified as Junmuser Araji, Muamil Jailani, William Lim, Danilo Sulidad, Nurhina Amil, Alhikar Kamil, Bong Tiran, Roger Ali, Aknigun Sahisa, a certain SPO2 Tutu Sahisa, Julius Hayudini, Hitsar Salam, and Laang Hassan.

"These are active supporters of the Abu Sayyaf who have long been under surveillance by the military and police. Their arrest was legitimate not indiscriminate," Servando said.

In Basilan, Maj. Alberto Gepilano, civil-military operations officer of the Joint Task Force Comet, dismissed critics of the warrantless arrests.

"Call it what they like, but what we are after here is swiftness in the arrests. And these were done in coordination with barangay officials," he said, adding:

"We consulted with the concerned local government officials, we effected the arrests, we brought (the suspects) to our doctors here and (subjected them to) medical examination and the actual interview, or what is termed interrogation."

Gepilano said the crackdown would continue "until we can get all the 200 listed persons."

From the military standpoint, he said, the arrested persons were active supporters, sympathizers and allies of the Abu Sayyaf and "there is presumption of guilt."

Gepilano also said neither relatives nor members of the media could see those arrested.

"As much as possible, we don't want the interrogation process affected, although we understand there is a little inconvenience," he said.

"Our concern is to hasten the process (of investigation), so that those who have not committed any crime can be immediately released. (As for) those who will be found guilty, appropriate charges will be filed against them," he added.

Martial law

Tiglao said Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar proposed last week the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* and the imposition of martial law in Basilan, but that the President did not approve it.

He also disclosed a plan to set up a special detention facility in Metro Manila "so (those arrested) will have a humane detention."

Zamboanga Mayor Ma. Clara Lobregat said she did not want a repeat in her city of what happened in Basilan.

"The city doesn't face a problem with the Abu Sayyaf. The local police and the military are on top of it," Lobregat said.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, Armed Forces chief Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, PNP Director General Leandro Mendoza and State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño yesterday visited Jolo in Sulu and Isabela City in Basilan to oversee the progress of the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf.

"We are here to see to it that the effort to crack down on the Abu Sayyaf will be hastened. This effort is not *ningas cogon*," Reyes told reporters.

Zuño said they would try to finish on Saturday night the summary inquest of all those arrested. ***Reports from Juliet L. Javellana and Philip C. Tubeza in Manila; Julie Alipala-Inot, Alexander M. Young, Jonathan F. Ma, Allan A. Nawal and Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Reuters***

Once upon a Sunday in Mehan

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of tropical flora, valuable plants and seedlings of trees collected from all over the world.

He pictured it as a popular botanical garden similar to others being developed in Southeast Asia.

In those days, botanical gardens were "hothouse" research centers to develop plant products for export. Tea plant cultivation and rubber seedling studies in Indian and Indonesian botanical gardens would aid significantly in the development of tea and rubber plantation production in the colonies.

When Vidal passed away, he was so admired by Manileños that a statue was erected in 1892 in his honor in the center of the garden.

Green thumb

When the Americans came in 1898, infused with the "City Beautiful" philosophy so popular at the time, they set out to further enhance Vidal's vision.

John C. Mehan, an American soldier turned civilian, was the first parks superintendent, and possessed a green thumb as well.

He added more varieties of tropical plants to the Jardin Botanico, further beautifying the grounds. He installed an aviary, a mini-zoo, a monkey cage, a display of plant specimens, and encouraged an American ladies' association to set up a thriving flower market.

When Mehan suddenly passed away in 1912, the 300,000 grateful residents of Manila saw fit to promptly name the Jardin Botanico after him.

In need of preserving

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students, mostly poor, troop to the nearby National Museum complex to marvel at artifacts representing layers of our history and at botanical specimens that emphasize why archaeologically rich sites like Mehan Garden need preserving.

Both Vidal and Mehan glorified Manila with a garden of scholarly and tourist renown, which Atienza could capitalize and enhance on. Instead, apparently bereft of a sense of the past, the mayor is trying to bulldoze and cement over Mehan Garden and all its endearing memories.

(The author is a consultant to the National Museum)

The Brent School of his affections

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est of buildings, roads and traffic jams.

In many important ways I came back to a different Brent. Its 35-acre (14 hectares) campus had only 100 students, the majority of them boarders. There were only six wooden buildings, all painted cream with dark green trim. Dotted around the campus was a forest of beautiful pine trees. Of the six original buildings from 1941, only four remain. The girls' dorm and the gym were both destroyed by the 1990 earthquake.

The Brent campus remains an oasis of pines. Since 1941, the buildings have doubled in number and so has the student body, a much lower percentage of whom are now boarders. But the greatest change has taken place in the makeup of the student body.

No Filipinos

When I was at Brent, we had two wealthy Spanish boys from Manila and four British boys and girls. All the rest of us were Americans, the sons and daughters of government officials, of Army and Navy officers, of engineers and managers in the nearby Baguio gold mines. Not a single Filipino attended Brent. At the time, none of us kids thought much about that fact. But today we recognize that Brent was a true pristine, all-out colonial school. The only Filipinos in sight were the houseboys, the kitchen staff and the groundskeeper.

Today one-third of the students are Filipino citizens. When the US military bases were closed in 1990, all the Army and Navy families left the Philippines, taking with them around 20 Brent students. Brent now has only a handful of white Americans. But 18 other countries are represented, including Korea, Indonesia, Japan and Australia. Brent is now a truly cosmopolitan, interracial school. I'm sorry we didn't have Filipino students back in 1941. We would have learned much more about the country and its people and our school would have been richer for it.

Belonging

Before I flew out to the Philippines, I phoned two women who had been juniors when I was a senior. I asked them what they thought was special about Brent.

Barrie Taylor (now Sebastian) said: "I was a very shy English girl, a 13-year-old freshman, arriving for the first time in coed school. Frightening! But when I got there, all the older girls were kind and helpful. They made me feel welcome right away. I could belong to everything. I couldn't sing, but I was allowed to be in the choir. Nothing was closed to us. The greatest gift from Brent was self-confidence. It's lasted my whole life."

Betsy McCreary said: "For me it was instant company. I lived an isolated life in Iloilo, but suddenly at Brent there were people all around me. There weren't very many of us, but we were very close to each other. I loved it. I couldn't wait for September to come around so that I could go back to Brent. Our whole life was there on campus. I liked that small world. It was like having your own neighborhood, your own little country. We thought Brent was better than anything else—and it was."

As for me, I had attended a giant junior high school and a giant high school in Washington D.C., where my only accomplishment was to get good grades. I wasn't good enough to make any of the athletic teams. The schools and the classes were so big that I never felt part of anything. But when I got to Brent, suddenly I was on both the basketball and baseball teams, and in my senior year I was editor of the magazine and the yearbook. Like Barrie, I felt I could be part of everything. The school was so small—only seven seniors, only 40 in the entire high school—that we all felt we were needed and important. We all belonged.

Spirit of adventure

The small classes did wonders for education. In my senior year I took two classes, fourth year Latin and trigonometry, where I was the only student. The teachers had to be adventurous to begin with, since they signed up for two or three years in a foreign country they had never seen before.

That spirit of adventure came through in the classrooms, which were livelier and exciting than anything I had experienced in Washington. The teachers lived with us on campus and they ate all their meals with us, rotating through the dining room, each teacher spending one week at each table. An extra closeness developed between students and faculty.

Very strict

However, the rules under which we lived were very strict. They had to be. This was a church school and a coed school, and the social and sexual standards of that distant day were fiercely maintained. Chaperones for the girls were required on all occasions. When they walked over from the girls' dorm for breakfast, chaperones walked with them. The same when they walked back to the girls' dorm at night after dinner. They could not go to Saturday afternoon movies in Baguio without a chaperone. The Friday night dances in the girls' dorm always had two chaperones, one male teacher, one female teacher. Since it was the Swing Era, most of the tunes were fast, bouncy and sexually unthreatening.

But when a slow, dreamy record was put on the victrola-Glenn Miller's—the chaperones sprang to red alert attention. They made certain that no close bodily contact occurred, no struggling whatsoever.

Boys and girls had classes together. And in the evening before dinner when we stood around the dining room waiting for the ding of the headmaster's bell telling us to be silent for grace, the junior and senior boys were allowed to visit with the junior and the senior girls near the girls' tables. However, it would have been quite improper for the girls to visit at the boys' tables.

Under all these circumstances, small wonder that almost no boy-girl couples existed in the normal teenage way. There was no opportunity for such a natural thing to happen. However, one such couple did come into being during my senior year and since I was half of that couple, I can tell the story with accuracy and confidence.

Birthday rites

Back then, Brent had a tradition that survives to this day, although in a slightly altered form. On a student's birthday, he or she was given a cake with a candle. The student blew out the candle, cut off the four corners, put them on plates and walked around the dining room, handing out the corners to his or her most favorite people. It was considered acceptable to give one corner to a teacher, but more than one would have been viewed as a disgusting attempt to curry favor. Great suspense accompanied this ceremony as we all waited to see who would get the corners.

In my day, the birthday person, before cutting the cake, had to stand up on a chair and make a brief speech. That is no longer required. In my day, the corners were always handed out in the dining room in front of students and faculty. Today a birthday student has the option of taking the cake back to the dorm and handing out the corners there. I consider this a deterioration of fundamental values and have urged Headmaster Don Holmes to restore the full traditional ceremony.

My birthday fell in October, close to the beginning of the school year. When school opened for my senior year, I made up my mind, although with trepidation, that I would give one corner to a girl. I chose a shy, pretty classmate named Buddy Goodwin. I had no idea how she would feel about this since she and I had no track record of any kind beyond attending the same classes. I would be taking a far-out chance. Anyway, I gave her a cake corner, to gasps of surprise from the rest of the dining room—and probably from Buddy herself.

Next day I knew I had made a terrible mistake. Buddy said nothing personal to me all day long and I thought that in her shy way she was avoiding me. I felt foolish about what I had done.

But on the following morning, a pleasantly sunny Baguio morning, Buddy came up to me before the first class and said, "I forgot to bring a sweater, and I'm cold. Could I borrow one of your jackets?"

A jacket, not a sweater! If she wore a boy's jacket, she would be noticed by everybody—just the way my cake corner had been noticed by everybody. I raced upstairs to the boys' dorm, grabbed my wool jacket and brought it down to her. Much too big for her, of course and she had to roll up the sleeves, but she wore it all morning before giving it back to me with a shy thank you.

From then on we were together throughout our senior year—that is, together up to the limits afforded by Brent rules. Today's Brent seniors were astonished to learn from me that back then boys and girls were not even allowed to hold hands or to put an arm around each other. How could there have been such dreadful rules!

'Most Romantic Boy'

Buddy and I did the best we could. We sat together in every class. We stayed together in study hall periods, carefully slipping notes back and forth without getting caught by the teacher in charge. At the Saturday afternoon movies in town, we sat together as far away from the girl's chaperone as possible, illegally holding hands in the darkness. Together we thought up a new nickname for her, since "Buddy" struck both of us as too childish. She became Ginny and she persuaded everybody to call her that.

To the astonishment of her parents, I am sure, she appeared in the yearbook as Ginny and was voted "Most Romantic Girl" by a huge margin. I was voted "Most Romantic Boy," my favorite title ever.

Last week the Most Romantic Girl and the Most Romantic Boy spoke on the phone for this article. She now goes by her real name, Louise, but we both affectionately remembered our Ginny-and Ralph days at Brent.

Climactic events

The two climactic events of my visit took place on the same day, one in the afternoon and one in the evening of March 30,2001. The afternoon event was the unveiling of the statue of Bishop Brent. Standing on a pedestal next to the main driveway leading up to the school, the statue was contributed by the Sobrepeña Foundation whose founder thought this is a fitting gift to the school not only as a memorial to its founder, but also for the friendship of his own father with Bishop Brent.

The entire school assembled to witness the ceremony. The Philippine Military Academy band played the Philippine National anthem as a procession of students carried the flags of the 18 countries now represented in the school. They came to a halt in a straight line behind the statue and planted their flagstaffs on the ground.

And then, since this was a Baguio afternoon, of course it started to rain. Out came umbrellas that were held over the principal players: the Episcopal Bishop of the Philippines; the Canadian ambassador (Bishop Brent was born in Canada); the American Embassy representative (Brent became an American citizen); the president of the Foundation that donated the statue and me.

As Don Holmes observed later, there were not enough umbrellas to go around, so the headmaster got wet. The flag-bearers continued to stand at attention, as they had been instructed. They held their banners vertically erect, ignoring the rain—all except one boy who protectively draped his flag over his head.

Absolutely great

When the last damp word had been uttered into the dripping microphone, the Headmaster gave the signal to pull the three long white ribbons. The Bishop pulled one, I pulled another and two very small youngsters representing the students pulled the third. The shroud dropped away, and there at last stood Bishop Charles Brent, eight feet tall, bronze-colored, dressed in his World War I chaplain's uniform with boots and puttees and Sam Browne belt and carrying his bible.

Don Holmes had been worrying all year about how the statue would look. If it turned out badly, he was prepared to move it at some future date to a less prominent spot. But the good Bishop looked absolutely great, even in the rain.

Surprise

That night in Griffiths Theatre, we all attended what was billed as a Brent Family Concert. Ever since it appeared on the schedule, I had been apprehensive. In my long experience, school theatrics, skits and musical numbers can be endured only by the parents of the performing children. I envisioned small children tootling on recorders and reciting dull poems in dull voices.

What a surprise! The evening was devoted to the representation of Bishop Brent's entire life, told in short, sprightly scenes with music and dancing and dialogue and costumes.

In the course of the evening, as the various stages of Bishop Brent's career were portrayed, everybody in the school seemed to be taking part. Not just every class, but also the faculty and even the school's kitchen staff, which performed a native dance to celebrate Brent's day in the Philippines.

There was a tableau by the parents (no singing or dancing for that one!) and my generous Manila host Marsh Thomson, along with other members of the Board, read a few lines about the school Bishop Brent had founded.

The evening was an extraordinary group effort. At the end, as the audience applauded enthusiastically, I realized that in the most important and fundamental way of all, Brent School has not changed in the past 60 years. Everybody was still needed. Everybody still belonged.

It's payback time for UP graduates

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rials that the poor schools cannot provide.

"When the community (residents) see us, they wonder what we are doing in a place like theirs . . . They're sort of in awe of the volunteer teachers," Soriano said.

Meaning

The Gurong Pahinungod echoes the highly successful Doctors to the Barrios, which encourages medicine graduates to practice in the small towns that offer the barest financial compensation.

Prof. Theresa de Villa, director of the UP Ugnayang Pahinungod, said around 300 students, faculty and alumni were flocking yearly to its office in the Diliman campus to ask how they could join the service.

"They're people trying to find some meaning in their lives because they're no longer satisfied with just earning and making it in the big world," De Villa said.

The UP Ugnayang Pahinungod serves as an umbrella program of the various volunteer services—the Gurong Pahinungod, ecology camp, community service, emergency management, peer counseling, Quezon City jail project, service learning option and social welfare.

It was set up in 1994 to prove that "UP has not lost its soul" in the face of accusations that it was now catering more to AB students and less to the needy ones.

"UP graduates are pressured to excel, to top every board exam, to focus on the academics, that they become overwhelmed," De Villa said. "The Pahinungod would show that UP graduates still have a heart, that they serve and give back to the nation. The volunteers do not think of money even if we need it."

The umbrella program had an annual budget of P2 million in its first year. Prominent alumni, including government officials, having stopped giving donations, it is now down to P800,000.

The Gurong Pahinungod has a separate budget from the education department that totals around P5 million, but this barely meets the needs of the teachers and schools.

"I believe that if a program is not worth it, it will die a natural death," De Villa said. "But we're surviving because we know we are needed. And that life is also, thanks to the grace of the volunteers."

Expectations

The volunteer teachers, some of them non-education graduates, take pedagogical courses and attend workshops on issue analysis, community integration, psychosocial processing and social investigation.`

They are then sent to teach in obscure parts of the country, where few professional teachers dare go and where life is hard for the city-bred.

"More than anything, we had to live up to public expectations of a UP student," said Pahinungod coordinator Karen Panol, 25, an ex-volunteer.

"You ignore pressure from outside to do something else that will earn. Everything is okay as long as you're happy with what you do and it gives you a sense of purpose and meaning in your life," she said.

The volunteers are deployed in pairs, usually to Batanes, Apayao, Abra, Oriental Mindoro, Palawan, Romblon, Masbate, Catanduanes, Marinduque, Bohol, Compostela Valley, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Agusan del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

They live with foster families and survive as the townsfolk do: building a fire to cook breakfast of rice and eggplant or an egg, fetching pails of water from a well for a bath.

They depend on the radio for updates on Metro Manila because they live in areas where the latest issue of a newspaper is three days old and telephones are 20 minutes away.

Illusions

Malyn Ando, a BS English graduate of UP Diliman, was moved to take on the experience after discovering the "unfairness" of academic life at the state university, where, she said, those from private and Metro Manila-based schools dominated the grades.

"I realized I had to teach, and teach well," she said, adding:

"I had to go back to my high school (in Bicol), even if only for two years, and teach them things I never learned in high school, to make sure that they would be able to compete with students from private and better schools."

As it turned out, Ando was sent to the Libertad National High School in Odiongan, Romblon, where she realized her pledge in college.

"I've let go of most of my illusions, the topmost being the ability to (solve) the problems of our educational system . . ." Ando said in an insightful piece.

"I've realized that not all public school teachers are lazy, heartless or unskilled, and that it is very easy to succumb and become like that," she said.

There is a teacher shortage of 36,000 this school year.

Early this month, Education Secretary Raul Roco and UP president Francisco Nemenzo signed a memorandum of agreement renewing their cooperation for the Gurong Pahinungod program.

ANTON FAVORITE

Touring car returns to Batangas

ANTON

THE ZED Gulf Oil MP Turbo Racing Team tries to extend its winning run in the 9th and 10th rounds of the Shell Philippine National Touring Car Championship and the Philippine Junior Touring Car Championship today at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas.

PJTCC frontrunner Carlos Anton is eyeing the title this early since a victory will make him the virtual series champion. Anton snared the series leadership from TEC ace driver Carlos Pastor by winning rounds 7 and 8 in Subic in June.

Mike Potenciano, meanwhile, will try to prove that his win in the 9th round of the Petron Blaze Super Saloon Chamiponship series in Subic last weekend was no fluke. Potencinno finally got his Honda Civic into groove to claim pole position. The multi-titled driver set a blistering pace in the early going of the round 9 to lead his closest rival by more than seven seconds in one segment of the race.

The Zed Gulf Oil MP Turbo racing team's other supporters this year are BLTB Co., AER Engine Rebuilders, Abante newspaper, Rota Wheels, Goma King Trading, Yehey com., Bavaria Motors Works.

Actor Monching Gutierrez has his sights set on the novice title of the PJTCC races. Alex Padua, on the other hand, is no pushover in Class C after scoring two victories in the opening rounds.

Karting titlist and veteran saloon racing campaigner George Apacible remains the darkhorse in the PJTCC Class B races. Mon Lindo, a standout karter and circuit driver is a strong contender in the Class C of the PNTCC races.

Rubillar stakes crown

ONE of the three mainers in the triple WBC International Championship treat on July 28 at the Casino Filipino-Parañaque is the bout between Juanito Rubillar and Takahiko Mizuno of Japan.

Rubillar, a native of Mati, Davao Oriental, stakes his lightflyweight crown for the second time, after his successful defense on April 28 when he scored a 5th round knockout off Fahsang Pow Pongsawang of Thailand in Kidapawan, North Cotabato.

Scheduled for 12 rounds, the triple treat dubbed as "Fist of Fury sa Casino Filipino-Parañaque" is promoted by Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr., and supported by Thunderbird and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO). This event will also feature former world flyweight king Malcolm Tuñacao against international flyweight titlist Randy Mangubat and bantamweight champion Ricky Gayamo against Abner Cordero.

Tickets for the "Fist of Fury" may be exchanged with an equivalent bonus bet certificate at the concierge section of the Casino Filipino-Parañaque. For inquiries, please call tel. No. 825-7229.

Mika's career goes on

SILVERSTONE, England—Two-time Formula One series champion Mika Hakkinen says he's not retiring. But whether he will be with McLaren-Mercedes next season is another matter.

Hakkinen, who will be 32 in September, has had an abysmal season: in 10 races he has only nine points—leader Michael Schumacher has 78—and has crossed the finish line only three times in his breakdown-prone McLaren.

The Finn had the quickest time in Friday practice for the British Grand Prix. But that means little. Sunday results count. He lives comfortably in Monte Carlo, Monaco, with his wife, Erja, and young son, Hugo, and, with two world titles to his name, motivation may be a problem with speculation this will be his last season. *AP*

Ritchie scores shutout

PITTSBURGH— Todd Ritchie overpowered the reeling Kansas City Royals en route to his second shutout of the season and took a no-hitter into the ninth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates pulled out a 1-0 victory in interleague play on Friday.

Aramis Ramirez singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to give David Littlefield a winning start after taking over as general manager earlier in the day.

One of baseball's hottest pitchers over the last month, Ritchie (6-9) lost his no-hit bid when Luis Alicea rolled a single through the hole on the right side of the infield with one out in the top of the ninth. *Reuters*

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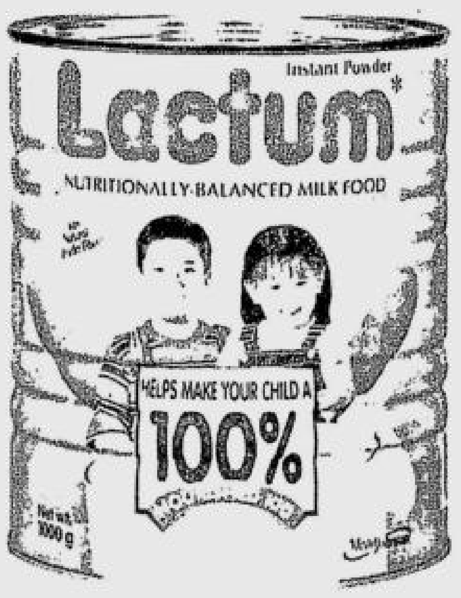
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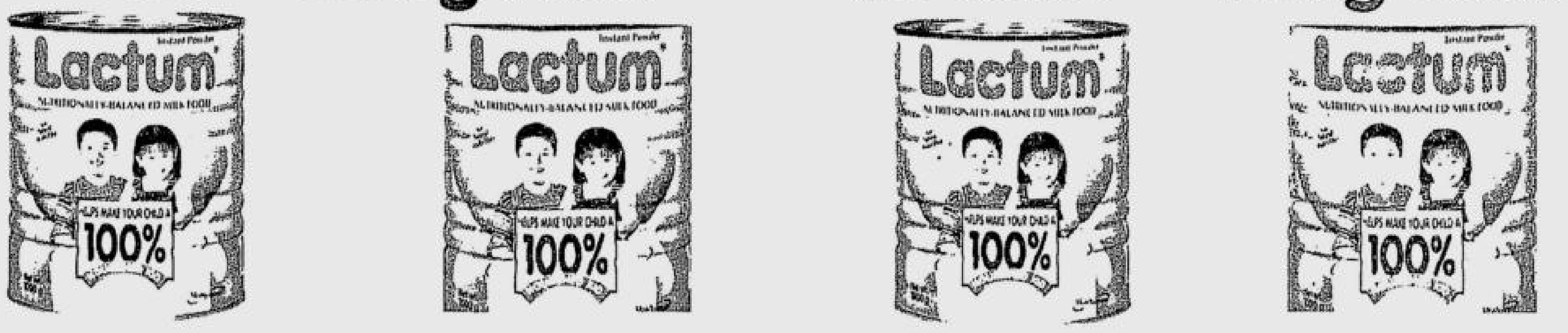

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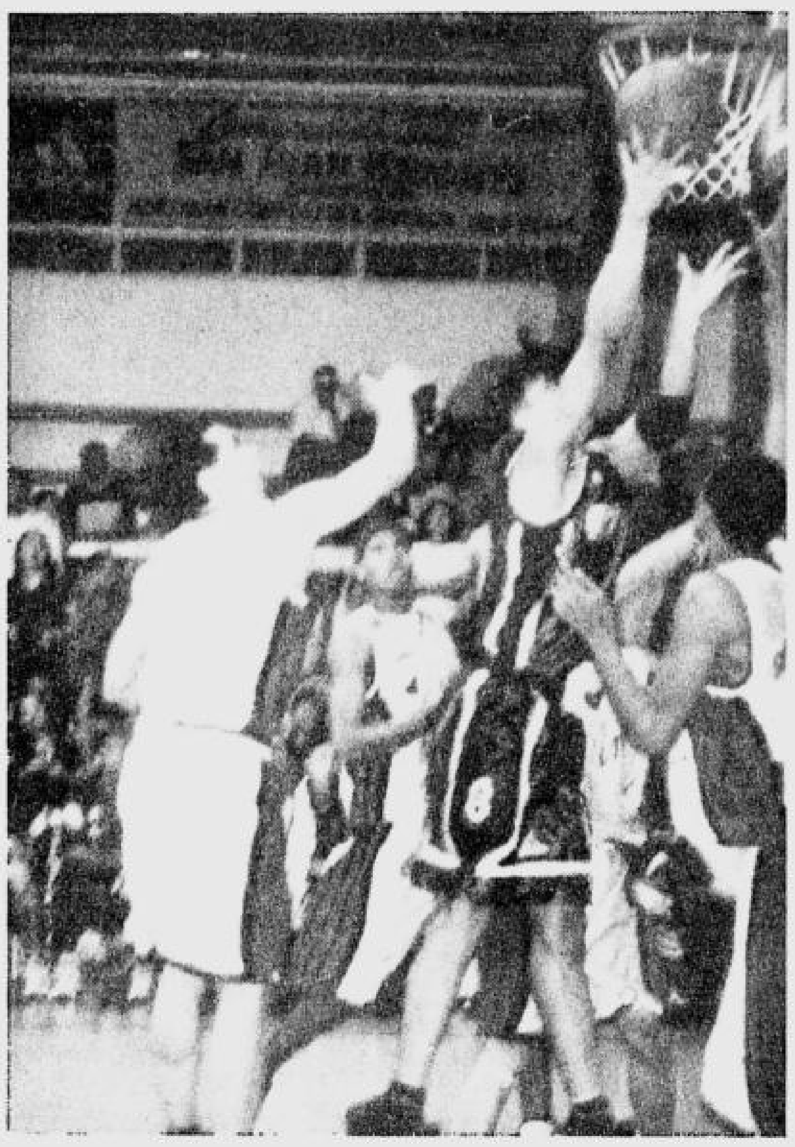
Blades host Gems today



NEGROS' Egay Ignacio (8) defies the defense put up by Andok's San Juan's Randy Alcantara (18), Omanzie Rodriguez (right), Rafi Reavis and Bruce Dacia (partly hidden) to score on a lay-up during their MBA game recently. San Juan won, 84-81.

STANDINGS	W	L
Negros	8	3
LBC Batangas	5	2
Cebuana Lhuillier	7	3
Andok's San Juan	7	3
FedEx Laguna	3	5
Nueva Ecija	2	5
Davao	2	7
Socsargen	2	8

GAMES TODAY *USLS Gym (Bacolod City)*
3:00 p.m.—Nueva Ecija vs Negros
La Salle Lipa Gym
5:30 p.m.—Cebu vs Batangas

By Roy Luarca

AT LAST, the LBC Batangas Blades will feel the thrill of playing at home.

After enduring seven road games, the Blades finally get the chance to host the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems in the Metropolitan Basketball Association First Phase at the De La Salle-Lipa Gym today.

The Blades are raring to exact revenge from the 96-90 beating they absorbed from the Gems in their first meeting in Cebu City and are trying to close in on a top five spot.

Carrying 'a 5-win, 2-loss card, the Blades trail the pacesetting Negros Slashers (8-3) in the standings of the eight-team field.

Batangas coach Nash Racela, however, is in a quandary as to whether or not he's going use Fil-Am Stephen Antonio for the 5:30 p.m. game.

Negros tries to inch closer toward a top three spot when it battles Nueva Ecija in the 3 p.m. opener at the University of St. La Salle Gym in Bacolod City.

Though Patrick Benedicto is going to miss today's game on account of a one-game suspension slapped on him for elbowing FedEx Laguna Laker Michael Garcia Friday night, the Slashers remain the favorite due to their offensive might.

MBA commissioner Ogie Narvasa also fined Benedicto P6,000 for the same offense. Another Slasher, Ruben dela Rosa, was fined P4,000 for hitting Laker Richie Melencio with a closed fist to the back of the head, while Gem Homer Se was penalized P4,000 for hitting referee Vivo's abdomen with the ball during the Gems' 96-81 rout of the Nueva Ecija Patriots on Wednesday. Socsargen coach Boyzie Zamar was also fined P2,000 for entering the court while giving instructions to his players.

Aces, Gins eye incentive

STANDINGS	W	L		W	L
San Miguel	7	2	Alaska	4	4
Red Bull	6	2	Mobiline	3	4
Purefoods	5	3	Pop Cola	3	6
Ginebra	4	4	Tanduay	3	6
Sta. Lucia	4	4	Shell	2	6

GAMES TODAY *(Ynares Center)*
4:15 p.m. — Mobiline vs Alaska
6:30 p.m. — Ginebra vs Shell

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BARANGAY Ginebra and Alaska Milk prepare some drastic measures to catch a twice-to-beat slot even as Mobiline tries to claim a place in the PBA Commissioner's Cup quarterfinals today at the Ynares Center.

Of the three, the Gin Kings have a relatively lighter load because they will face the ousted Shell Turbochargers, who only have two wins to show in eight outings.

However, the Turbochargers can spoil everything for the Kings, who need to win to stay alive for the Final Four. Ginebra, presently at 4-4, are already a cinch in the eight-team quarters.

Tremaine Wingfield was able to help Shell beat Alaska (83-66) and snap its six-game losing streak, the franchise's worst tailspin since coach Perry Ronquillo acted as coach.

And since the Turbochargers have nothing to lose anyway, they pose a serious threat to the Kings, who are coming from a 101-92 defeat at the hands of league-leader San Miguel Beer.

In the first game, Alaska will again parade Sean Chambers in place of Terrance Badgett in the Aces' attempt to spring back from a four-game slump.

Though Chambers has always been the franchise's most reliable reinforcement, he only stands 6-foot-1, putting him at a disadvantage against fellow imports in the conference which has a 6-foot-8 height ceiling.

Save, not shave

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BEEN reading a lot about Purefoods lately. No, not the hotdog, although I would not have minded. Purefoods hotdogs make for good *pulutan*, specially on a rainy day. Oh, what a bite Purefoods hotdog offers the drinker. Make every serving of it—sliced and slightly fried either in vegetable or olive oil—with onion rings. Raw, please.

Ummm.

Now to the meat of this piece.

What I've been reading about Purefoods lately dealt mainly on its existence in the Philippine Basketball Association. Seemingly, a countdown is on.

Flashback: San Miguel Corporation acquired Pure Foods Corporation, the franchise owner of the Purefoods basketball team, last May 22. That made SMC the owner of three PBA teams, including San Miguel Beer and Barangay Ginebra.

Nothing wrong there, if you ask me. This is a free country.

But next came the shocker—for Purefoods, that is. The amended by-laws of the PBA state that a company or individual is prohibited from owning more than two teams in the league. Thus, in a PBA board meeting last April 25, it was decided that Purefoods *may* play until the end of this year's third conference. After that, disbandment time.

I find this rather harsh, if not unfair.

Here's a team that's been with us 13 years, won 5 titles in 16 finals appearances, produced a national treasure in 4-time MVP Alvin Patrimonio and pumped P300 million in investments. Was it the team's fault that it had fallen into the arms of a new owner, notwithstanding that that new owner itself is part of PBA family?

C'mon, let's get real.

I suggest that the PBA board find a compromise if only to save Purefoods, a wholesome team with a history of maintaining wholesome players, from extinction.

We don't just kick someone out of our league just because a rule has been breached. The league's in a bind right now but I believe that somewhere along the way, a solution is waiting to be discovered. *Kung may gusot, may lusot.*

And with the league's enviable reputation of fairness serving as beacon to all 25 years in the running, the call should be to save, not to shave.

Jordan joins 'pick' in practice

WASHINGTON—Michael Jordan practiced for the first time since breaking two ribs a month ago on the same day No. 1 overall draft pick Kwame Brown signed a three-year, $ 11.9 million contract.

Brown signed the contract in Jordan's office on Friday, then both suited up for the Wizards' first practice of a three-day minicamp.

At the end of practice, Brown made his first pressure NBA shots: two free throws that kept the team from having to run six wind sprints.

Brown is a 2.11-meter (6-foot-11), 108-kilogram (240-pound) center from Glynn Academy in Brunswick, Georgia. At 19, he is the youngest player taken with the first overall pick.

Jordan, the Wizards' president of basketball operations, has been exploring a possible comeback. He broke two ribs in a pickup game last month, and he wasn't expected to resume workouts for another two weeks.

Jordan left the court before Friday's practice was open to the reporters, but Brown said his boss showed no effects of the injury.

"He worked out. He's Michael Jordan; he looks good," Brown said. "He got knocked on the ground the first time he started running the whole court.

Ewing, Grant Orlando-bound

NEW YORK— Depending on how you look at it, the Orlando Magic could be picking up 30 years of experience or 75 years of age.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, center Patrick Ewing, a future Hall of Famer who turns 39 early next month, is coming to Orlando and 36-year-old power forward Horace Grant, a four-time NBA champion, is likely to join him. Their experience and size could help the Magic. *Reuters*

UP whips Adamson; FEU prevails

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
2 p.m.—UE vs NU (Srs.)
4 p.m.—Ateneo vs La Salle

By Dennis U. Eroa

UNIVERSITY of the Philippines survived a bad case of opening- day jitters to spank Adamson, 72-63, yesterday at the start of the 64th UAAP Men's Basketball Championships before a jampacked crowd at the Araneta Coliseum.

Unused to the highly charged atmosphere, the Maroons played with heavy legs in the early going, allowing the lightly regarded Falcons to keep the game close after 20 minutes of action, 30-26.

But things started to change after the halftime break.

"They thought I was going to give them a tongue-lashing at the dugout. But I didn't. I knew it was just a case of opening-day jitters. They weren't used to the crowd," UP mentor Ryan Gregorio said after the game. "I told them honeymoon is over, time to work."

The Maroons, whose last title came in 1986, did not disappoint Gregorio. Defending tirelessly and punishing the Falcons with excellent ball movement, the Maroons took command.

In the other seniors game, 1997 titleholder FEU rode on the torrid show of Leo Avenido to turn back UST, 66-59.

Avenido erupted with 17 points, including two crucial charities in the dying seconds.

Scores:

UP 72—Bravo 20, Robin 10, Santos 10, Jomalesa 9, Madarang 9, Bornancin 8, Cervantes 4, Almeda 2, Nunag 0, Celo 0.

ADAMSON 63—Abadia 24, Mamaclay 11, Yong 9, Rolan 8, Tagupa 4, Mangulabnan 4, Ferrer 3, Hate 0, Gandarosa 0, Taylor 0.

Quarters: 15-15, 30-26, 56-44, 72-63.

UP'S Bravo (right) drives against Michael Young of Adamson.

ROMY HOMILLADA

Beijing celebrates winning bid

BEIJING—Honking cars and millions of people clogged the streets of Beijing on Friday night, celebrating the Chinese capital's winning bid for the 2008 Olympics—an event many thought would mark China's emergence as a leading nation.

Fireworks boomed in the sky and showered down fluttering flakes of paper and ash that covered the masses—possibly the largest spontaneous gathering in Beijing since pro-democracy protests 12 years ago that ended in a bloody crackdown.

By midnight, the crowds had shut down the city's center and police were directing people away from the jammed Tiananmen Square—the nation's most famous gathering place. Men took off their shirts and did victory dances on top of cars outside the square, and one woman wet passers-by with a water gun.

Hundreds of police descended on Tiananmen about 2 a.m. Saturday and began hurrying the partiers out of the square.

"This will be the best Olympics because the Chinese love sports more than anyone else in the world," said Lu Kexin, a 19-year-old waiter who ran out of his restaurant to join the celebration after the International Olympic Committee announced its decision in Moscow.

SPORTSWATCH

Benilde needs OT to beat Lions

DEFENDING champion College of St. Benilde found San Beda College a tough customer yesterday, needing an extra period to hammer out a 103-98 victory in the NCAA basketball cage tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum. Sturdy Sunday Salvacion delivered the goods in overtime, chipping in seven of his game-high 32 points in that stretch to power the Blazers to their second victory. Bucking the absence of head coach Dong Vergeire, the Blazers labored through three quarters before matching the Red Lions' confidence and almost sealing the see-saw battle in the homestretch. In the other seniors match, Letran ripped PCU, 89-71, to notch its first victory of the season. PCU dropped to 0-2. *June Navarro*

Jones registers 51st victory

OSLO, Norway—Tim Montgomery blazed to the fastest time of the year in the men's 100 and fellow American Marion Jones extended her winning streak to 51 races in the women's 100 Friday at the Bislett Games. Helped by a favorable tailwind, Montgomery was timed in a personal best of 9.84 seconds for a Bislett Stadium record. American Dennis Mitchell set the old mark of 9.94 seven years ago. Montgomery's time was just .5 off the world record of 9.79 fellow American Maurice Greene set two years ago in the World Championships in Athens, Greece. It matched the time of former world-record holder Donovan Bailey of Canada, for third fastest ever. Greene also has run 9.80 for the 100. *AP*

Aging Duran, Camacho collide

DENVER—The fight is being promoted as "When Legends Collide." It certainly sounds better than "When Legends Collapse." Five years after their disputed 12-round decision, Hector Camacho and Roberto Duran will square off again Saturday night at Denvers' Pepsi Center in a matchup of two former champions whose combined age is 89. "Being at 50 years old, he wants to go on and do miracles," Camacho, 39, said. "He ain't done miracles before. He sure ain't going to do miracles now. He's going to come in there trying to do the impossible, and I'm ready for the impossible." *AP*

Armstrong remains at 15th spot

STRASBOURG, France— Estonian Jaan Kirsipuu won a sprint finish at the end of the sixth stage of the Tour de France on Friday, with Stuart O'Grady doing enough to hold on to the race leader's yellow jersey. Defending champion Lance Armstrong, who lost ground in the team time trial on Thursday, had an uneventful day over the 211.5-kilometer course from Commercy, taking the category two climb of Col du Donon with ease and finishing safely in the main bunch. He remains in 15th place in general classification, behind Joseba Beloki and Christophe Moreau. *Reuters*

Borbe top Coca-Cola Cup rider

JOCKEY D.H. Borbe Jr. shone during the Coca-Cola Cup held recently at the San Lazaro Hippodrome. The race, which was held as part of the Fil-American Friendship Racing Festival, was attended by Coca-Cola Bottlers Phils. Inc. Manila plant regional sales manager Nap Roldan; Nestor Manalang; CCBPI senior assistant vice president and commercial manager for central Metro; Emmanuel Berbano, Val Cayco, MJCI president Alfonso Reyno Jr. and Philippine Racing Commission commissioner Ramon Balatbat.

Tainted Silver Story sweep

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

IT RAINED hard anew last Sunday but that didn't prevent Silver Story from sweeping the 2001 Triple Crown Series at San Lazaro.

Two Sundays back, a heavy downpour at Santa Ana proved ominous for the grey colt. He lost—a highly questionable one at that—to an extreme longshot— leaving bewildered *kareristas* to ask: *"Pa"no nangyari yon?"*

If you can still remember, Silver Story did not corner most of the sales during the past week's Horseman's Cup. He may have been the heavy favorite but several *kareristas* wagered on other entries, fearing that catastrophic July 1 run might happen again.

Yes, Silver Story ended up as the eighth horse to win all three legs of the TC but, as the *bayang kareristas* shouted in unison, "in shallow fashion."

Aside from joining the elite list of winners, Silver Story also entered the record books as the only TC champion to suffer a loss prior to the Horseman's Cup.

Not only that, Silver Story would also be remembered as the TC champion whose regular partner got suspended for foul riding after completing a sweep.

Jonathan Hernandez, touted as the country's leading jockey, got a 12-racing week ban for a misconduct which did not escape keen-eyed *kareristas.*

The star rider, who has been suspended for "discourteous act" just a few weeks back, committed at least three fouls in that race—the first one when the gates opened, the second one against Flaming Bullet (Badjao Recosana) at the far turn, and then against Sky Hawk (Noel Camu) at the top of the stretch.

No inquiry nor protest was made. *Kawawa naman yung mga may taya kay* Sky Hawk *at* Flaming Bullet.

To the *bayang kareristas*, it was another clear case of the stewards of the Manila Jockey Club literally sleeping on the job for the nth time.

But my fellow ordinary bettors should not fret. We heard the Philracom is now conducting a probe of those stewards regarding that incident so let's see what Andrew Sanchez can do.

Compared to Hernandez, champion local jockeys before him like Bong Guce (Fair and Square, Strong Material, Real Top), Bobok Domingo Jr. (Time Master, Magic Showtime, Sun Dancer) and Bobot Aguila (Skywalker) didn't commit such wrongdoing during their moments of Triple Crown glory.

So if the gods at Philracom thumb down any appeal from Unoh, *kareristas* won't be seeing Hernandez in action for the next two months or so.

Let that suspension serve him a lesson.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Tigra 2. Art of Rose 3. D Raven

Race 2—1. Sir Olizon 2. Champs Elysees 3. Perfect Gift 4. Heavy Metal

Race 3—1. Dona Evelyn 2. Hinobaan's Pride 3. Gallant Rose 4. Tour de Force

Race 4—1. American Music 2. Mighty Strong 3. Morning Nell 4. Read My Mind 5. Fortius

Race 5—1. Altron 2. Impeccable 3. Plus Factor 4. Bullit Express

Race 6—1. El Condor 2. Freshman 3. Something Best 4. Pilato 5. Victoria Scarlet

Race 7—1. Alert One 2. Pep Up 3. Al's Princess 4. Aprey's Choice 5. Shuttle's Magic

Race 8—1. My Preperido 2. Project Genesis 3. Sparkling Sky

Race 9—1. Favorite Trick/The Warrior 2. The Magician 3. Brazen Truth 4. Mrs. Big 5. First of All 6. Aya's Dream

Race 10—1. Fast Eddie/Regimental Lass 2. Noble Regent 3. My Indy 4. Battle Hero 5. Baby My Beloved

Race 11—1. Puzzling Friend 2. Snake Dancer 3. Golden Prince 4. One More Time

Race 12—1. Black Force 2. Baptism of Fire 3. Majestic Ruler 4. Accommodating 5. Dynamite Jack

Race 13—1. Batang Pier 2. Imus Emperor 3. Southern Glory 4. Kamahalan

Race 14—1. Diva Dixie 2. Queen Jamie 3. So Generous 4. Bullish Heart 5. Dr. Jones

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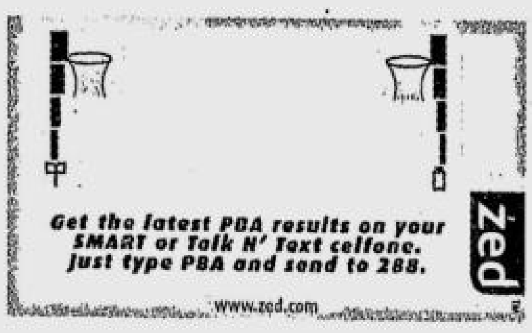
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DELARIARTE FALTERS WITH 74

Casas, Pucay grab CAP-Legends lead

CARMONA, Cavite—Cassius Casas, the star from the South, and Mars Pucay, the answer from the North, shared the lead yesterday after 54 holes of the College Assurance Plan-Legends Classic.

The 34-year-old Casas fired a six-under-par 66 and Pucay a 67 as the duo braced for a dramatic duel going to today's final round of the Tour's fifth leg at the fabled Southwoods course.

Again displaying his new-found form from a new-found swing that earned him P1.5 million in winning the Philippine Open two weeks ago, Casas hit 17 greens yesterday for a 205 total that deadlocked him with Pucay.

Casas' 66 was his seventh straight sub-par round, counting his four straight under-par rounds at Wack Wack during the Open.

The 32-year-old Pucay, whose claim to fame was a runner-up finish in the 1997 Philippine Open in Baguio won by lefty Kevin Wentworth of the United States, banged home 8 birdies in his 33-34 rounds.

Pucay and Casas will tee off today three strokes up on Elmer Salvador and two-day leader Jerome Delariarte, the hot amateur the first two days, who skidded to a 74.

Salvador fired a 70 for 208, the same output of Delariarte, who earlier did 65-69 as he threatened to become the first amateur to win on the newly established Tour.

Delariarte, who held a four-stroke lead at the start of the day, relinquished the upper hand with back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 11-12. He stumbled into a no-penalty, double-bogey on the 18th to typify his return to earth.

Rodrigo Cuello and Dan Cruz closed in with their identical 69s for 209 in the tournament sponsored chiefly by College Assurance Plan, with support from Ericsson Telecommunications, Smart Zed, Callaway, Southwods Manor, Publicist Spark and Wilson.

Meanwhile, the team of Edwin Sanchez and Derrick Gamboa won the pro-am side-event by a whopping 10 strokes with their net 115. Rodrigo Cuello and Nitoy Escaño placed second with a 125.

Still in contention with 18 holes left are Benjie Magada (71) and Vic Santia (67), who were a shot back at 210.

Angelo Que rallied with a 68 to move to within four strokes of Delariarte, his Southwoods teammate. The back-to-back national champion was alone at 212.

The scores:

205—M. Pucay (73-65-67), F. Casas (71-68-66); **208**—J. Delariarte (65-69-74), E. Salvador (69-69-70); **209**—R. Cuello (73-67-69), D. Cruz (72-68-69); **210**—B. Magada (72-67-71), V. Santia (70-73-67); **212**—A. Que (70-74-68); **213**—D. Zarate (71-70-72); **214**—R. Pactolerin (73-69-72); **215**—G. Rosales (71-70-74), E. Sanchez (72-69-74); **217**—C. Villaroman (76-70-71); **218**—E. Ababa (70-70-78), R. Minoza (72-71-75), R. Gibson (75-71-72); **219**—A. Eso (73-71-75), R. Brobio (76-71-72), M. Eso (74-73-72), M. Manubay (70-75-74); **220**—J. Bernis (75-71-74), E. Estrera (74-71-75), J. Pagunsan (76-73-71); **221**—R. Sasutil (74-71-76); **222**—C. LaO (73-77-72), Juvic Pagunsan (74-75-73), R. Retuerto (74-72-76), J. Toribio (71-77-74); **224**—L. Rempojo (70-76-78), W. Superal (77-70-77); **225**—R. Bisera (74-73-78), R. Cabajar (75-74-76), L. Serdena (76-73-76); **226**—R. Ardimer (73-76-77)

PUCAY: Long overdue for a win on the Tour.

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Nationals to play at Canlubang North

MEMBERS of the newly. -formed national team for the Southeast Asian Games lead the entry roster for the sixth leg of the Titleist-Footjoy National Amateur Circuit on July 17 at Canlubang North.

Juvic Pagunsan, Marvin Dumandan, Jay Bayron and team alternate Gene Bondoc are expected to slug it out for the top plum in the 72-hole championship division of the tournament backed chiefly by Titleist and Footjoy through Dynamic Sports and Leisure, Corp.

Ruby Walker-Chico and Carmelette Villaroman, meanwhile, will resume their rivalry in the ladies championship division.

Pagunsan is the solid favorite since Canlubang is his home course. The other members of the powerhouse Canlubang squad are also entered.

Action in the 36-hole handicap play competitions for Groups 2 and 3 also kicks off on July 17.

The 54-hole ladies championship division gets going on July 18 while those in Group 1 and 4 play together with the ladies play in the last two rounds Thursday and Friday.

Interested players may register at all Chris T outlets or proceed to Canlubang before their scheduled tee-off.

The impressive showing of Dumandan, Bayron and Bondoc in the circuit earned them slots in the national team. Dumandan topped the previous leg at Mimosa.

The first five legs of the circuit were played at Riviera, Valley, Eagle Ridge, Tagaytay Highlands-Midlands and Mimosa.

Super Bike: Alberto guns for Jao's lead

TOTI Alberto of Castrol-Access Plus tries to conjure his old magic in the resumption of the 2001 National Super Bike Championships today at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas.

Riding a Ducati 748SP, Alberto seeks an all-important first win in this prestigious 12-part series organized by the Batangas Racing Circuit Association (BRCA) and sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa).

The 31-year-old Alberto is only 10 points behind perennial rival Jolet Jao in the overall standings on the strength of his two runner-up and one fourth-place finishes in the past three rounds.

Alberto has 47 points against Jao's 57 points.

"It will be interesting to watch how Jolet and I will fare against each other anew in the long and challenging Batangas racetrack," said Alberto, who snatched the overall championship in 1999.

Alberto put up an impressive performance in the kickoff round in Batangas and crossed the finish line in second place. But he struggled in the next round due to engine trouble and limped home in fourth place behind Rod Scott, Jao and Rey Relativo.

In Subic, he started in pole position after topping the previous day's qualifying round and finished mere seconds behind Jao despite the wet track conditions.

Alberto's teammate, Thomas Ryan, will also be one of the riders to watch in the novice category against Wacky del Rosario, Jose Reyes IV, Randy Ortiz and Paul Gocolay.

The race winner gets 20 points, the runner-up 17 points and the third placer 15 points.

The overall standings after three rounds:

1. J. Jao 57 points (20-17-20); 2. T. Alberto 47 (17-13-17); 3. R. Relativo 43 (13-15-15); R. Scott 35 (15-20-0); 5. B. Mendoza 13 (0-0-13).

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Chequered Flag - Great Britain Grand Prix at 10 p.m. on Star Sports

SBK Superbike Highlights at 8 p.m. on ESPN

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ICE SKATING: Grand Slam Super Teams of Skating at 9 a.m. on Star Sports

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Yalo, Lim seek wins in Batangas

THE MAXI Scooter Series resumes with the third round today at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas with Carlo Yalo of Exact and Alfie Lim of Period Racing seeking decisive victories in the automatic and geared classes, respectively.

Yalo, who finished second overall to Jeffrey Ballesteros last year, is leading the way in the automatic class with a two-round aggregate of 50 points.

A distant second is Raffy Bichara of Team Malossi-Elf with 36 points.

Lim is also slightly ahead in the geared class over 1999 champion Dennis Banez and last year's winner Robby Inigo, both of 2211-Cycle Works. Lim has 38 points against 36 points of Banez and Inigo.

Jeff Calimlim of 2211-Silkolene is fourth with 25 points.

The five-part Maxi scooter series, which made its debut in 1999, is the only open class scooter competition held in the country. Participants are allowed to modify their chassis and engine, although they must be from a scooter.

The races on average run with 25 participants every round with teams sponsored by major companies like Elf Lubricants, 2211 Cycle Works, Castrol Lubricants, Silkolene, Exact, Malossi, Pirelli, Red Bull and Liana's Supermarket.

The final two rounds will also be held at the BRC on Aug. 26 and Oct. 21.

Air Force, Army face separate foes

Games Today
8:00 a.m.—San Beda vs PCU Taft
10:00 a.m.—Kaya FC vs Navy
1:00 p.m.—PAF vs St. Benilde
3:30 p.m.—Army vs PCU Dasmariñas

HEAVILY favored Army and Air Force booters seek their first wins against separate rivals today at the resumption of the 1st Army-Utilco International invitational football tournament at the Ascom field in Fort Bonifacio.

The Armymen tackle Philippine Christian University (Dasmariñas) at 3:30 p.m. after the 1 p.m. match between the Airmen and College of St. Benilde.

The two other contests today pit San Beda against PCU (Taft) at 8 a.m. and Navy against Kaya Football Club at 10.

Army and Air Force battled to a 1-1 draw last week at the start of the tourney organized by Army, sponsored by Utilco International Trading and sanctioned by the Philippine Football Federation.

IN the other games, Kaya nipped San Beda, 3-2, and Navy blasted University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), 11-0.

The other match between FEU and PCU (Dasmariñas) was halted in the 83rd minute due to heavy rains with FEU ahead 2-1.

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■ Student, 18, shot dead by 16-year-old A22

JESS YUSON

CADETS walked out of training at the University of Sto. Tomas in the July 1 boycott that kicked off the continuing protest.

Mehan Gardens parking complex project illegal, say councilors

BY JEROME ANING

THE CONSTRUCTION of a multi-story parking complex next to the historic Mehan Gardens in Manila could be illegal, according to documents obtained by the Inquirer.

Two city councilors who refused to be identified also claimed the contract made by Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and the Park 'N Ride Inc. on Jan. 29 was never ratified by the council and that it never passed the city committee on transportation.

The council approved City Ordinance No. 8002 on Aug. 18, 2000, setting aside the lot for parking purposes and authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with another party.

The ordinance also required that the contract be approved by the city council.

But according to the nine-page contract, the mayor not only authorized Park 'N Ride to build the parking facility, he also leased the lot to the firm.

According to the contract, the city government will lease 5,979.30 square meters of the Mehan Gardens—between the Metropolitan Theater and Basa Street—to Park 'N Ride for 25 years under a build-operate-transfer scheme.

The contract was signed by Atienza and the Makati City-based Park 'N Ride, represented by its president, Vicente Javier. It was attested by the secretary to the mayor Emmanuel Sison and witnessed by city legal officer Melchor Monsod and another person whose signature cannot be deciphered.

Under the agreement, Park 'N Ride was required to invest no less than P48.5 million in the project. The company was also asked to pay P89,689.50 in rent each month, subject to readjustment at the rate of 20 percent every three years.

Park 'N Ride was to pay City Hall 10 percent of the total net profit that it would derive from the parking complex, subject

MEHAN/A22

Anti-ROTC cadets cry harassment

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA
AND ALCUIN PAPA

MILITANT students clamoring for the abolition of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the Far Eastern University are complaining of harassment from military police cadets.

Lucille Gypsy Zabala, chair of Stand FEU, yesterday told reporters that some MP cadets and members of their rival youth group, Sanlakas-Youth, beat up two of their members on July 10.

She claimed the MPs also threatened Stand FEU members so they would not stay at their organization's meeting place inside the school.

But Sanlakas said it was a case of frat rivalry.

"These incidents show a clear manifestation of the misuse of power by ROTC officers," Zaballa said in a news conference yesterday.

She said it is not farfetched for FEU students to suffer the fate of Mark Welson Chua, the UST engineering student who was kidnapped and murdered after he exposed alleged anomalies in the UST ROTC.

Zaballa said MP cadets ganged up on activists Julius Ceasar Tan and Zeus Teodoro about 7 p.m. Tuesday on R. Papa Street in Sampaloc, Manila.

The two were having a snack after participating in an anti-ROTC protest action when MP cadets and Sanlakas-Youth members, who were said to be drunk, hit them with bottles and stones, Zabala claimed.

Police managed to arrest three of the suspects while Tan and Teodoro were taken to the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital, Zabala said, adding the harassment did not end there.

On Friday, a Stand FEU member identified only as Lopert was also threatened if he continued to campaign for the ROTC's abolition, Zabala said.

Stand FEU members also got threatening text messages on their cellular phones.

"Try to make an appearance in FEU and we'll wipe you all out," Zabala quoted one message as saying.

The national militant youth group Anakbayan said thousands of students would take to the streets on July 23, when President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo delivers her State of the Nation Address.

"We will march to Congress by the thousands on July 23 to show (legislators) how serious we are (in our call) to abolish the ROTC," said Apolinario Alvarez, Anakbayan secretary general.

Akbayan is set to present to congressmen a petition to abolish the ROTC with about 1 million signatures.

"We will urge Congress to pass a bill on the abolition of the ROTC," Alvarez said, adding that they would continue with their protest actions in the schools and on streets to "ensure its demise."

Akbayan plans to hold ROTC walkouts and barricades in several universities and colleges today.

ANTI-ROTC/A22

Deranged man stabs mother to death

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

A 25-YEAR-OLD deranged man stabbed his 62-year-old mother to death Friday night in Caloocan City.

Widowed meat vendor Modesta Yute, of Bagong Silang in Caloocan City, was repeatedly stabbed by her own son, Antonio, said investigator PO3 Romeo Mata of Caloocan police.

Mata said the stabbing happened at 10:35 p.m. Friday in the widow's home.

For no apparent reason, Yute's son took a knife, approached his mother and stabbed her repeatedly until she fell unconscious, Mata said.

The victim was brought to the Nonados Hospital where she was declared dead on arrival due to the multiple stab wounds in the body, Mata said.

He said the suspect's mental instability might have led him to kill his own mother.

Antonio's sister, Florencia, said the suspect had been brought to the National Institute for Mental Health several times because of his mental condition.

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Mandaluyong police chief replaced

By Blanche S. Rivera

IN WHAT could be a portent of a revamp to come, the police chief of Mandaluyong city was replaced yesterday reportedly for failing to comply with some of the mayor's orders.

Supt. Jose Gentiles, who headed the Mandaluyong police force for a year, took a leave of absence from duty "to settle something important abroad," according to his subordinates.

He was replaced by Supt. Socarno Ikbala, chief directorial staff at the Eastern Police District headquarters, who assumed the top police post in the city yesterday.

Chief Supt. George Aliño, EPD director, said Gentiles submitted a letter seeking permission to take an indefinite leave of absence but he did not say for what reason.

Aliño said Gentiles recommended his deputy, Chief Insp. Jose Carlito Rayco, to take over his post, but the EPD official declined the recommendation.

"We can't appoint a junior major because Mandaluyong is a city and it entails big responsibilities," Aliño said.

It was said Gentiles filed for a leave to give reelected Mayor Benhur Abalos a free hand in choosing a police chief in his second term as Mandaluyong's chief executive.

Unconfirmed reports, however, said Gentiles opted to leave his post because he failed to meet the mayor's demand to rid the city of *jueteng* operators.

Student, 18, shot dead by 16-year-old

By Philip C. Tubeza

FRIDAY THE 13th proved fatal for graduating high school senior Recel E. Martico.

Martico, 18, was on his way home after playing basketball Friday night when a 16-year-old out-of-school neighbor shot him with a homemade shotgun (*sumpak*).

But when police arrested the suspect later that night, he claimed he was just playing with the improvised gun when it suddenly fired.

Martico, of 326-F San Roque I, Barangay Pag-Asa, Quezon City, died from a shotgun wound in the right buttock, said PO2 Jojo Miranda, of the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit.

Martico was walking home about 7 p.m. when the 16-year-old approached him and pointed the *sumpak* at Martico's buttocks, police said.

But the gun went off and Martico collapsed on the road, crying in pain. The 16-year-old fled with the shotgun, PO2 Miranda said.

Witness Anthony de los Santos took the victim to the Philippine Children's Medical Center where he died at 11:30 p.m. Friday.

"He lost too much blood," Miranda said. "Ten people volunteered to give him blood but it was too late."

Before Martico died, he told his relatives it was the 16-year-old boy who shot him, Miranda said.

Barangay security officials caught up with the suspect at 1:15 a.m. in Talipapa, also in Barangay Pag-asa.

The suspect told investigators he was just playing with the gun when it accidentally went off.

"He said he just wanted to tease Martico," Miranda said. "But he pulled the string, or the trigger, of the improvised shotgun and it went off."

The victim's body was later brought to the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory for autopsy.

Miranda said police are looking for the *sumpak* which the suspect used in the shooting. The suspect said he gave it to somebody before he tried to escape.

Las Piñas pawnshop robbed

A PAWNSHOP in Las Piñas City lost P1.5 million in cash to robbers early yesterday morning.

According to the initial investigation by PO3 Jandale Sulit of the Las Piñas City Criminal Investigation Division, the Cebuana Lhuillier Pawnshop branch near the Alabang-Zapote flyover was burglarized between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Pawnshop branch manager Marivic Sorongon, 34, told police she opened the store for the day when she was surprised to find the place in disarray.

She also discovered the steel door of the pawnshop had been destroyed. Investigators believe that the thieves entered the shop through the door.

Sorongon proceeded to the shop's vault and discovered that the expensive jewelry stored inside was gone. She then immediately reported the theft to the police. *Alcuin Papa*

Saleswoman found slain in her QC apartment

By Philip C. Tubeza

SALESWOMAN Rhodora R. Landero was found dead in her Quezon City apartment on Friday with several stab wounds in the neck.

Landero, 27, of 551 Edsa, Barangay Bagong Lipunan, Quezon City, also had lacerations on the forehead and the chin, the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit reported yesterday.

Landero's wallet, wedding ring and cellular phone were missing, police said.

The victim's younger sister Glenda told investigators she and her friend Beverly de la Cerna last saw Landero alive in their apartment about 11 a.m. Friday.

Landero was said to be talking to a man identified only as Allan when the two women left for work, police said.

But when the two women returned about 10:30 p.m., they found the apartment door locked from the inside.

They repeatedly knocked on the door and called out Landero's name but no answer came, police said.

Glenda said they decided to open a small window to check if there was anyone inside.

What they saw was Landero face down on the floor, drenched in her own blood. They forcibly opened the door hoping Landero was still alive.

The women reported their discovery to the authorities. The CPD Scene of the Crime Operations team checked the apartment for clues that would lead them to the assailant's identity.

Landero's body was taken to the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory for autopsy.

Man stabbed with 'buriki' dies in Tondo

RESIDENTS of Juan Luna Street in Tondo, Manila were stunned when an unidentified man appeared out of nowhere screaming for help, with a sharpened metal tube (*buriki*) stuck in his chest.

The man was brought to the Mary Johnston Hospital but he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

SPO4 Ernesto Jose Jr. of the Western Police District homicide section said the victim was at least 30 years old, about 5-foot-3, shirtless and wearing green short pants. He also wore a fancy earring on the left ear and an Ifugao necklace.

No one among the residents interviewed by police could say where the suspect came from or who stabbed him.

The man was heard moaning in pain and begging for help around 1 a.m. A concerned resident, Marcelo Legaring, brought the victim to the hospital.

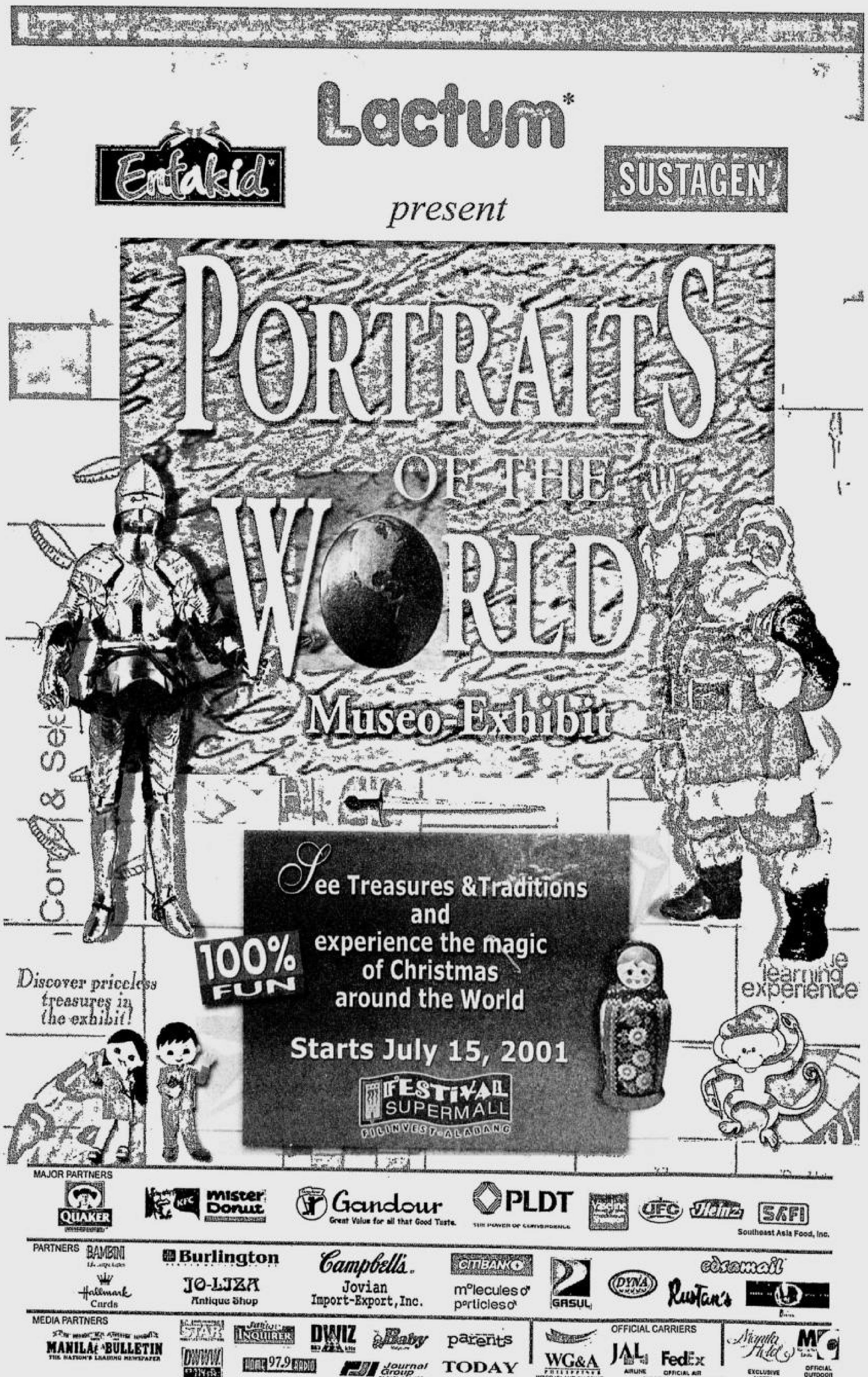
The victim was the second man to die in the hands of still unknown killers in Tondo this week.

On Wednesday at the corner of Dagupan Extension and Bontoc streets in Gagalangin, Roland Johnson, 35 and single, was sleeping inside his jeepney (RVZ-639) at around 5 a.m. when he was shot.

Johnson, who suffered a bullet wound in the neck, shouted for help but no one heeded him. Policemen later found Johnson dead in a sitting position on the pavement.

PO3 Rodelio Lingcon is confirming reports that the victim was a civilian asset of the Western Police District Station 7. Johnson's information reportedly helped police arrest several drug pushers in Gagalangin recently.

Jerome Aning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Trader yields shabu

FRUIT dealer Exhor Alejo was arrested on Thursday in Quezon City after he yielded not fruits but a kilo of shabu.

Alejo, 43, also known as Nicholas Andrei and a resident of 578 Culiat, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, was arrested after agents of the Sangandaan police station found the kilo of shabu in his Mitsubishi Lancer (UGR-552), police said.

Besides the illegal drugs, investigators said they also confiscated a cal. .45 pistol from Alejo.

Police said Alejo had been under surveillance for a week before his house was raided around noon yesterday. Police said that during the surveillance, they learned that the suspect was using his car for his alleged illegal drug activities.

CPD investigators discovered further from the Land Transportation Office that the license plate of Alejo's car belonged to another vehicle.

Police finally raided the suspect's home at around 11 a.m. yesterday after getting a tip that he was about to leave to deliver a large amount of drugs.

The authorities claimed they found the shabu in Alejo's Lancer, which was parked in his garage.

The suspect, however, denied he was involved in the illegal drug trade. He said the kilo of shabu was "planted." Alejo is now detained at the Sangandaan police station while investigators are preparing to file drug charges against him before the Quezon City prosecutor's office. *Philip Tubeza*

Anti-ROTC . . .

(From page A21)

Akbayan's ally in Congress, the party-list group Bayan Muna, is also planning to file a bill that would abolish ROTC.

About 7 p.m. Friday, about 50 members of Akbayan-Youth, the Movement for Advancement of Student Power (MASP), the Student Council Alliance of the Philippines (SCAP) and the Abolish ROTC Movement staged a torch rally in front of the Morayta gate of FEU.

Around 7:30 p.m., the students marched to the Don Chino Roces (Mendiola) bridge near Malacañang.

They called for the abolition of the ROTC, saying the military training program has become "irrelevant."

"It is too late to institute reforms in the ROTC," said SCAP secretary general Gary Lazaro. "It's time to abolish it now." He said making the ROTC optional for male students would not solve the graft and corruption in the program.

"We think it is better to create an alternative venue for military training offered to male college students outside of campuses," Lazaro explained.

He said they are also for the abolition of the Citizen's Army Training in high school.

He said that on July 20, the groups would stage a national day of youth protest to push the students' agenda, including the abolition of the ROTC, a moratorium on tuition fee increases and higher budget allocation for education.

"We will be sending a clear message to the Macapagal administration that the youth is seeking new directions in social and educational reforms," he said.

Mehan . . .

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to readjustment at the rate of 1 percent every three years.

The firm was also asked to execute a "performance bond" worth P750,000 in favor of the city to assure the lessee's "faithful compliance" with the contract.

According to the two councilors, the contract was referred to the council as early as Jan. 31, two days after it was signed. But any action, they said, was deferred with the onset of the election campaign.

The sources said Councilor Francisco Dumagoso, also known as Isko Moreno, allegedly protested the approval process because it did not pass the committee of transportation, which Dumagoso chairs.

Because of that, Moreno received a "scolding" from the mayor during a caucus, one councilor said.

All but six of the 38-member council belong to Atienza's Liberal Party.

Environmental and conservation groups want the 140-year-old Mehan to remain as a park to preserve its historical and cultural significance as the city's first botanical and zoological garden.

The same groups, together with the National Historical Institute and National Commission for Culture and the Arts, are also opposing the building of a new City College of Manila campus north of the parking facility.

On July 2, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment-National Capital Region ordered Park 'N Ride to temporarily stop the project. A cease and desist order was also issued days earlier to the company constructing the new CCM campus.

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Auditions for male pop singer

NEWLY FORMED talent agency PopArt Entertainment will hold auditions for male pop singers on July 28, Saturday, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Praktistation Rehearsal Studio on 7438 Bagtikan St., Makati City.

"We think the local market is just waiting for the next big male pop sensation," said Louie Aguinaldo, who heads PopArt Entertainment. "It's just a matter of finding the right one."

PopArt Entertainment is a new company composed of a complementary mix of individuals whose collective aim is to discover and develop world-class talents for recording, movies or TV.

Aguinaldo has been in the talent business for the past five years, mostly representing models for advertising and young actors for movies and TV.

His staff boasts of many years of experience in public relations, organization and management.

Interested parties must be male between 18-24 years old, good looking and must have a wide vocal range.

For the auditions, they must bring their own minus-one tape (no VCD karaokes) and a photograph.

Praktistation Rehearsal Studio is located on Bagtikan Street in Makati, just 200 meters from Pasong Tamo. It is in front of Ambassador International Motor Group. Tel. no. is 890-8049.

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South Border is composed of keyboardist and songwriter Jay Durias, bassist Randolf Balane, drummer Paul Benitez, vocalist Luke Mejares, lead guitarist Butch Victoriano and sax player Rey Junasa.

Padi's Mindave will also present other exciting bands like Barbie's Cradle on July 24, Rivermaya on Aug. 1, Parokya ni Edgar on Aug. 16 and Freestyle on Aug. 22 and 27.

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Scorpions perform at Big Dome

THE SCORPIONS, Germany's most successful rock band worldwide, is coming to Manila for a one-night concert, "The Scorpions: Acoustica Live in Manila," Aug. 1 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The show marks the debut performance of the internationally acclaimed rock bank which is now on an Asian tour. They are promoting their latest album, "Acoustica," which features the hit carrier single, "When Love Kills Love."

The Scorpions are famous for such hits as "Winds of Change" and "Still Loving You."

The band has established a reputation for its patented music style that fuses unique and forceful power riffs with ingenious, explosive guitar solos since it was formed 36 years ago in Hanover, Germany, by Klaus Meine and Rudolf Schenker. Matthias Jabs joined them later.

The concert will be presented by Warner Music Philippines (official record label), with the support of MTV Asia (official music channel) and Manila Galleria Suites (official residence).

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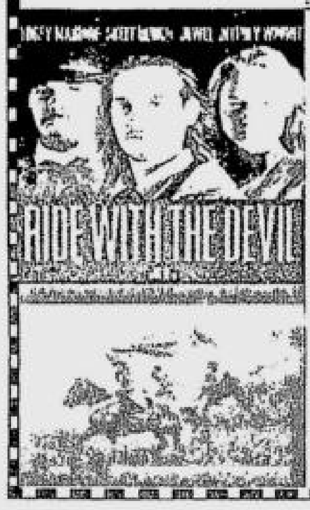
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Matapos ang ilang taon, sina Michael (Jerry O'Connell ng JERRY MAGUIRE) at Kyle (Jake Busey ng STARSHIP TROOPERS) na lang ang natitirang bachelor sa grupo.

Upang manalo sa pusta, ise-set up ni Mike si Kyle with super-seductive Natalie (Shannon Elizabeth ng SCARY MOVIE, AMERICAN PIE). Nguni't di niya inaasahan na maiinlab din pala siya sa sexing dalaga. Manalo man siya sa pusta, maglalaho naman ang true love niya!

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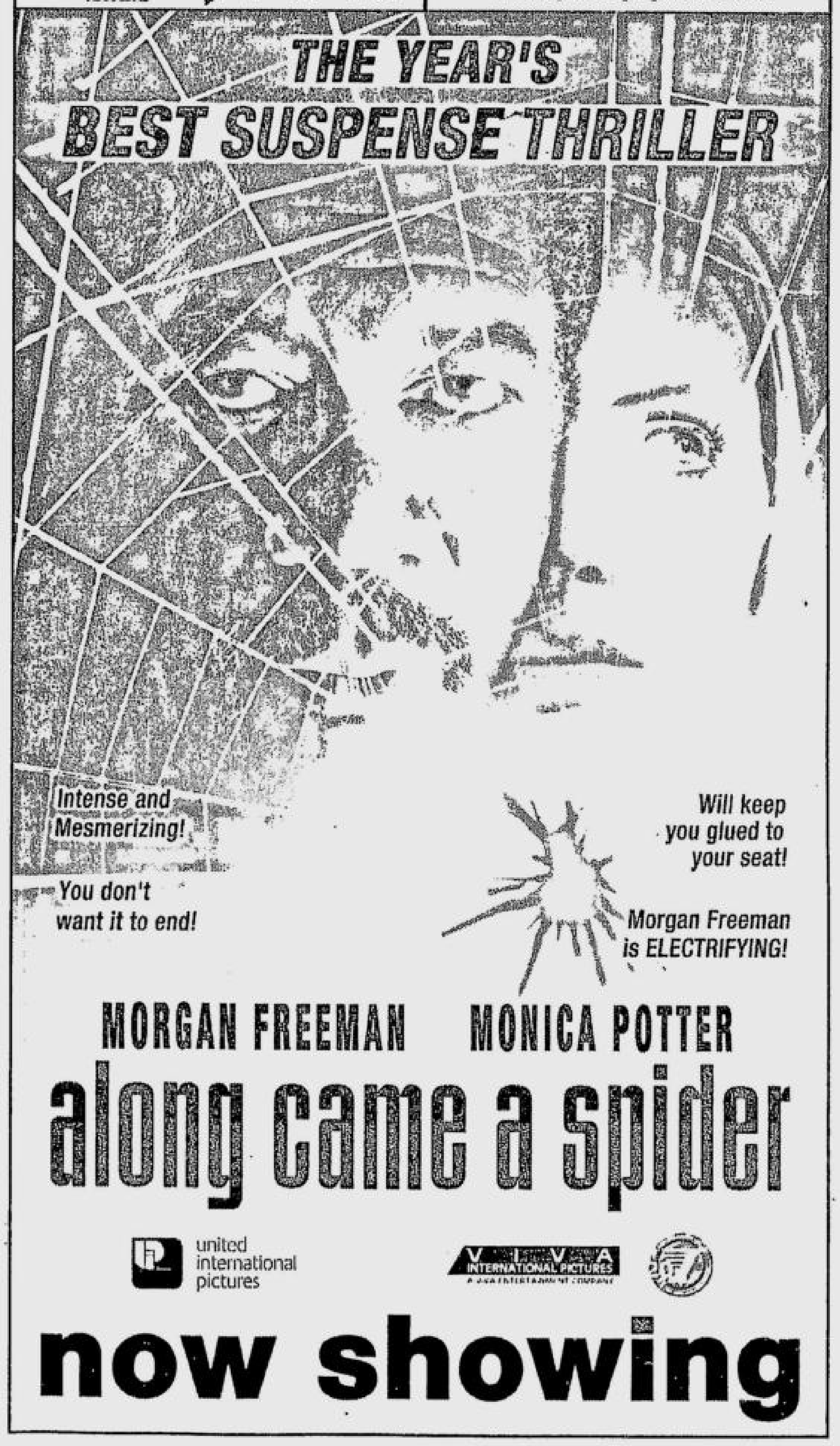
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TV hosts as newsmakers

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

TIME was when TV hosts were TV hosts, and show biz newsmakers were show biz newsmakers. The hosts interviewed the newsmakers, and that was that.

These days, however, the dividing line between host and newsmaker has practically vanished. Look at **Miriam Quiambao**, who hosts GMA 7's "Xtra! Xtra:" recently she broke her engagement with her longtime boyfriend, and *she* became the news.

To complicate matters, some reports had it that there was a third party involved, and the happened to be none other than her cohost, **Paolo Bediones**. So, for a time there, Paolo became the news, too.

To *really* thicken the brew, Paolo interviewed Miriam on this score on his other TV show, "S-Files," where she denied that he was responsible for the break-up. So, during that interview both Miriam and Paolo were the news, while Paolo was *also* the host asking the questions!

Also confusing is the case of **Janice de Belen**, now Paolo's "S-Files" cohost, interviewing ex-lover **Aga Muhlach** about his recent wedding. To keep the fans interested, the interview made references to the past that Janice and Aga shared, so the line dividing host from newsmaker was blurred once more.

Take note that these two instances have happened on GMA 7 shows. Is the channel bent on changing the rules of the game governing TV hosting and reportage?

This is the problem when TV hosts are celebrities themselves. Granted viewers may like this sort of thing because it shows the "human" side of TV hosts.

But whatever happened to the objectivity that interviewers are supposed to have, so that they can get to the unalloyed truth in a news event? If a TV host is involved in some way in what he's "investigating," how could he possibly remain objective?

TV people should discuss the merits and demerits of this incipient trend, either to nip it in the bud, or to make sure that it doesn't get out of hand.

Masters of laughter

THE COMEDY Club at Greenbelt Mall showcases stand-up comics every Thursday. **John Lapus** is featured on July 19, while ***Giselle Sanchez*** has the spotlight all to herself on July 26.

Shows start at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Mall Theater lobby. Aside from featuring name comics, let's hope that Comedy Club will also provide a venue for deserving comedic talents who have yet to make their mark on the show biz scene.

Years ago, when we caught then unknown comedians in comedy clubs in the States, little did we know that the brilliant young talents we saw then would later become big stars, like **Robin Williams** and **Whoopi Goldberg**. It could happen at the local comedy club, too.

'Geowatch' on National Geographic Channel

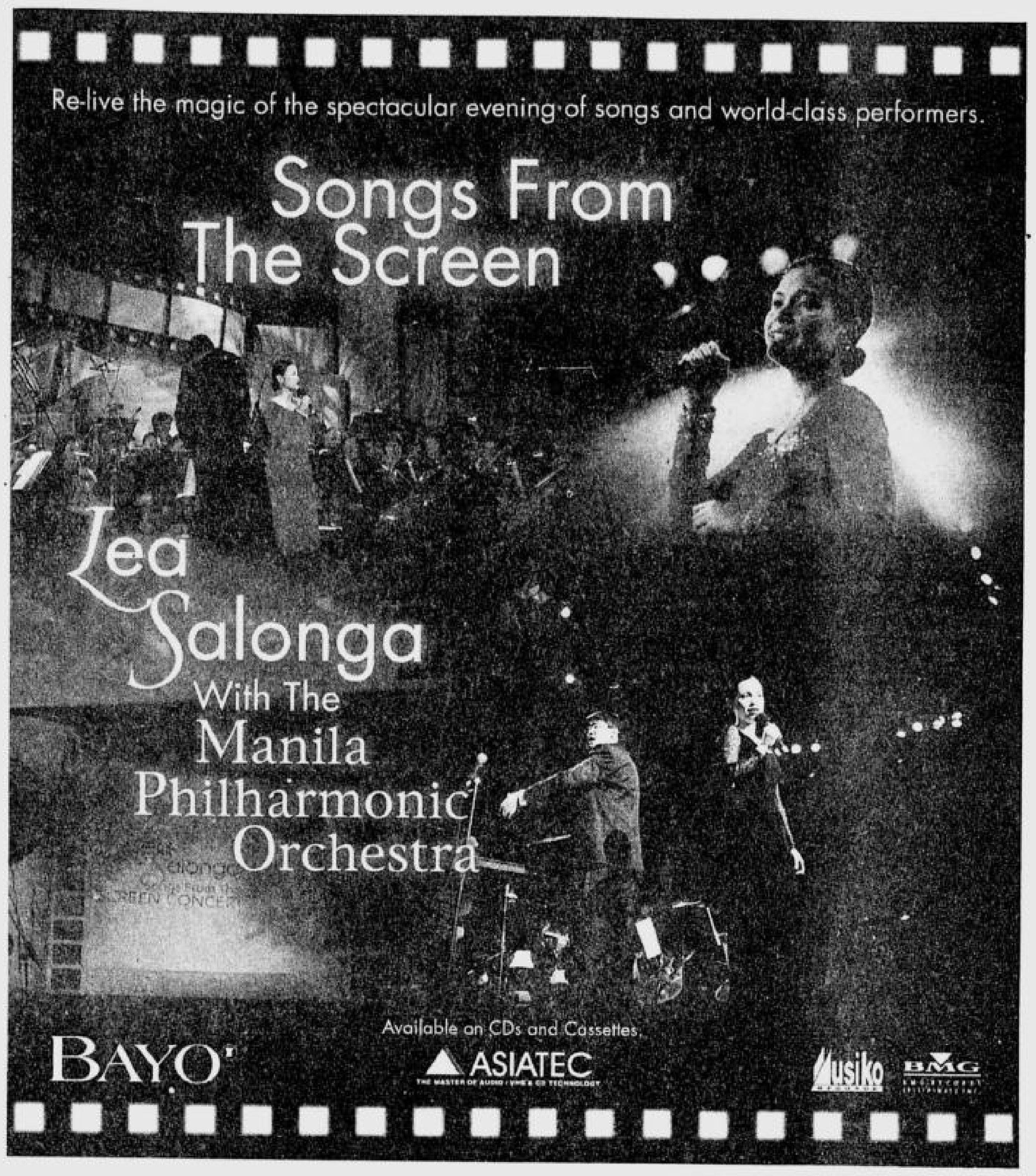
AS ASIA rushes headlong into the 21st century, the fast pace of development has threatened much of the environment, effecting major changes in the lives of some people. The National Geographic Channel explores these changes and their impact in "Geowatch "Asia every Monday at 10 p.m. this month (July 16, 23 and 30).

Each episode features stories that detail efforts to protect wildlife, environment and culture. Contact addresses are also provided for viewers who want to help in this regard, by working together with the organizations mentioned in the program.

Feedback

FROM Ester A. Arevalo of Makati City: "Can you find out if there will be a screenwriting contest I can join this year? I have written some scripts that I think have a fighting chance, and I want to know if the judges will agree with me!"

NUT: Well, Ms. Arevalo, you're in luck. Star Cinema has announced its second annual screenwriting competition. And the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines could hold a nationwide contest this year. Also, the Palanca Awards has a Film Script division that will be calling for entries early next year.



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President to host Palace dinner for cast of Mikey's movie

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

PRESIDENT **Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo** continues to support the show biz career of her son **Mikey Arroyo**.

After tomorrow night's premiere of Mikey's movie, "Mahal Kita, Kahit Sino Ka Pa," President Macapagal will host a late-dinner party in Malacañang for the cast. The premiere will be held at SM Southmall in Las Piñas.

The President, however, will not attend the screening. Mikey said his mom prefers to see the movie during its regular run which starts July 18.

"*Para naman kumita ang pelikula ko,*" Mikey said with a smile.

For the first time in his four-year show biz career, Mikey gets stellar billing as leading man in "Mahal Kita, Kahit Sino Ka Pa," which pairs him with **Judy Ann Santos**. It is directed by **Jose "Kaka" Balagtas**.

Mikey is so excited about show biz that even if he has been elected vice governor of Pampanga, he continues to accept movie assignments. He had been doing second-fiddle roles, mostly in action flicks, until the MMG movie came along.

"I don't normally get this nervous before, but it's different *pala talaga* when you are the leading man because you are worried about the outcome of the movie," he said.

ARROYO. Actor-politician

"I enjoy this business because it helps me make new friends. When my mom ran for senator in 1992, we got a lot of help from show biz people. I don't find people in the business hard to work with."

Mikey gets criticized more for his recent venture into politics.

"I've only been in politics for four months and I'm already barraged with criticism," he said. "It's not an easy way of life, but I never really expected it to be easy. I'm happy with what I am doing right now. I'm prepared for things like this.

"My heart belongs to show biz because I'm happy with my acting career. Politics is harder because I have the mandate of the people. They voted for me."

He says his mom is easily affected when she reads negative write-ups about him.

"She's in agony when people hit me," he said. "I know she has the problems of the country on her mind, so I feel bad when she also worries about me."

As a politician, Mikey is aware that he will face more criticism than he has ever faced before.

"Some people are saying that I've changed since my mom became president. There was even an allegation that I'm a jueteng coddler in Pampanga.

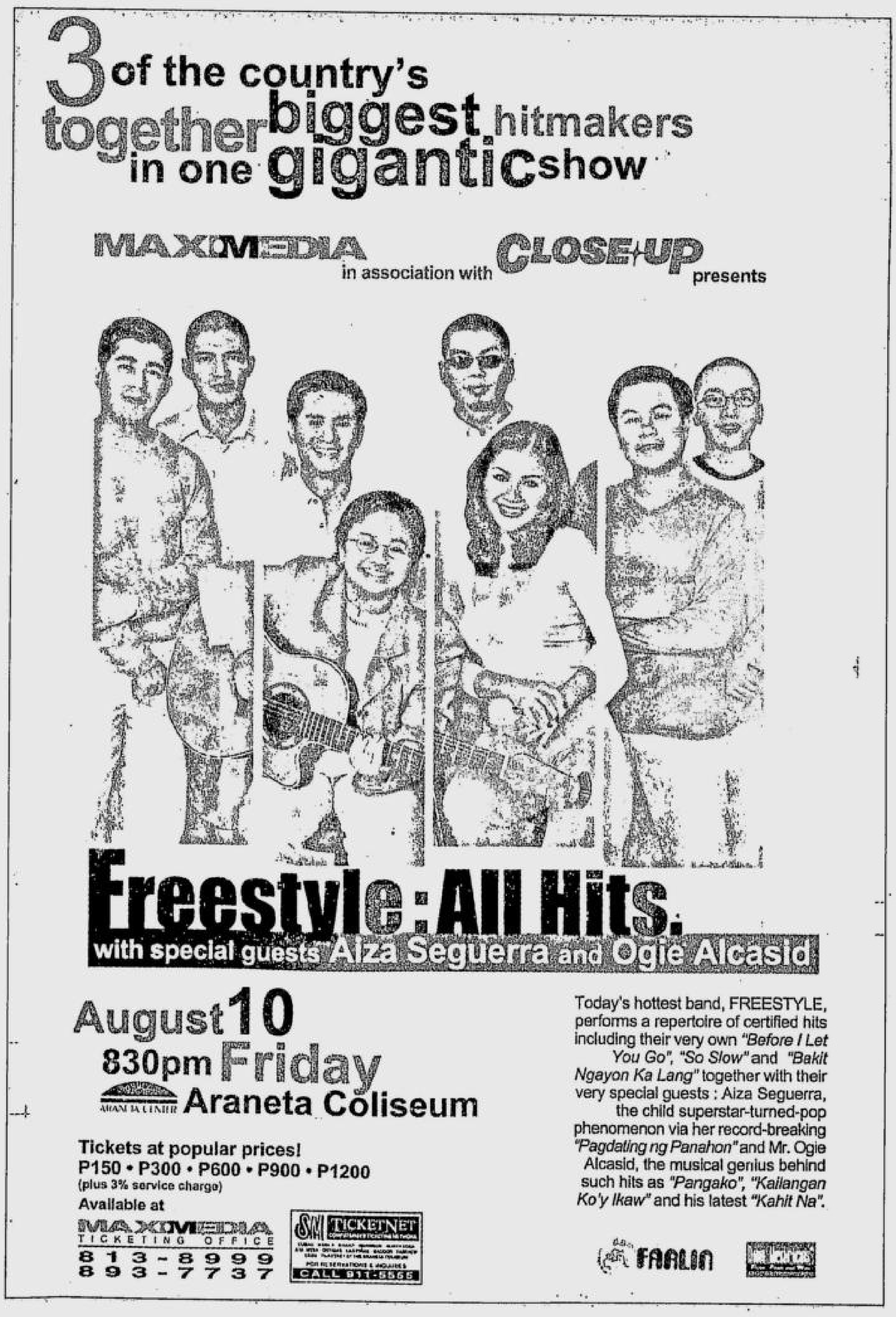
"My mom questions me when she reads or hears about these things. She hates it, of course, because she is very careful about protecting my grandfather's legacy. She always tells me that when someone hits you, you should turn the other cheek."

In Pampanga, Mikey recently launched his first project, Mikey Against Poverty. He has other livelihood programs, including farming, health, education, cooperatives and feeding. His platform is "transparency, accountability and good work ethics." Eventually, he wants to outlive his identity as President Macapagal's son.

"I hope that people will take me seriously in what I'm doing right now," he said. "It's not an easy task, but I'm doing my best."

With Mikey's political career, not a few are speculating that he just might follow in his mother's footsteps and aim for the presidency in the future. But the 32-year-old vice governor denies he has presidential ambitions, for now.

"I'm so preoccupied with doing a good job," he said. "I don't think that far ahead. My mom always tells me to be sincere and have the best of intentions because you will never go wrong."



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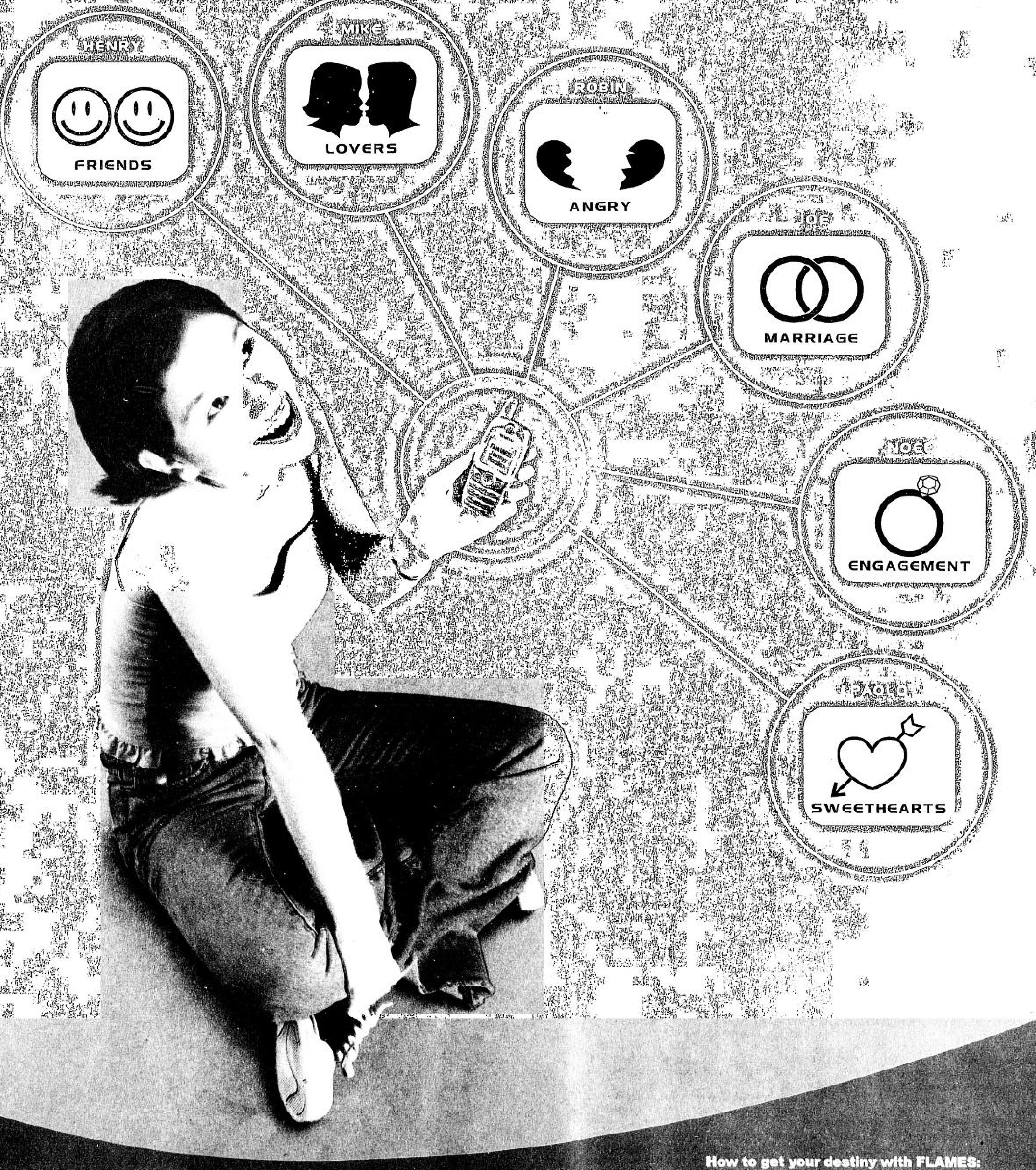
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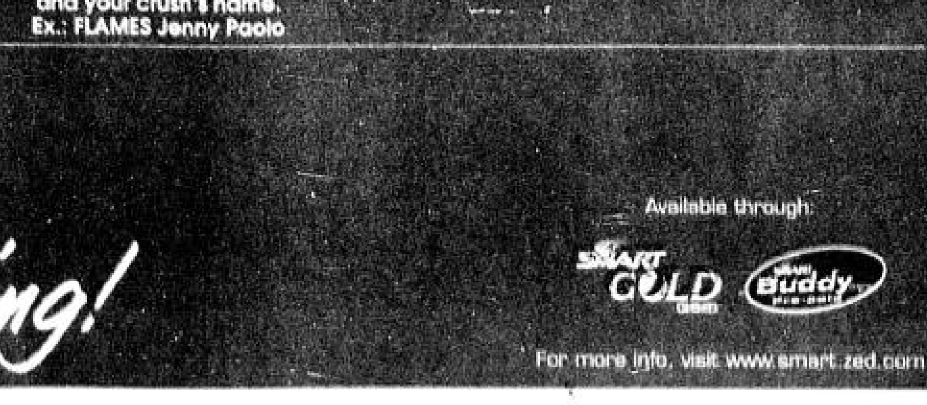

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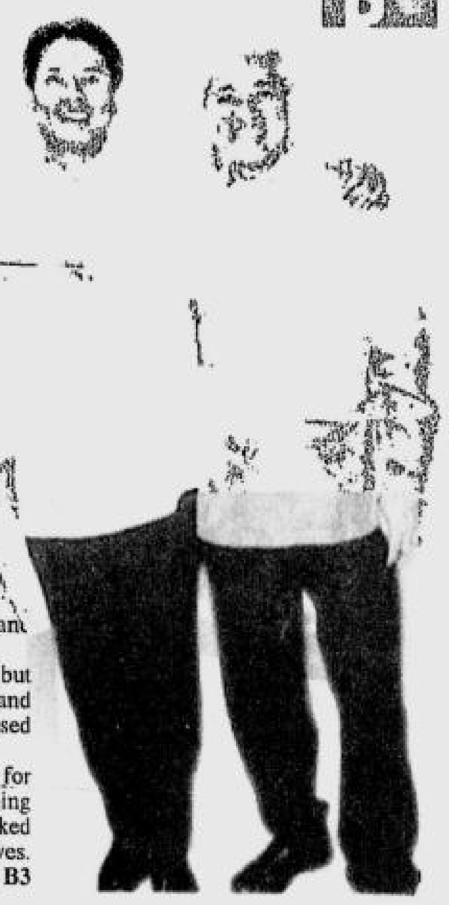

PETER Favila with former colleague Pepe Guevara, who became a bank commissioner of Saipan.

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

WITH eight other brothers and sisters that his parents had to feed, Peter B. Favila felt that he had to pitch in to help his parents and at the same time earn extra money for himself.

So in his senior year of high school at the University of Sto. Tomas, he worked as a server at the school canteen.

"During recess, I would sell soft drinks. I have a big family and I thought I should help out," said Favila, president of Allied Banking Corp., the finance arm of taipan Lucio Tan.

Favila earned 50 centavos every recess. Since there were two breaks, he went home with P1 a day and free food. Soft drinks at that time cost 10 centavos a bottle.

Having tasted how it was to earn, Favila took on more jobs throughout college, which he also spent in UST. At one time he was at the college registrar's office, then at the accounting office where he did clerical work.

Since work took up a lot of his time, college became his part-time preoccupation. He worked from morning to five in the afternoon. In the evenings, he went to class.

"I was allowed to leave at 4:45 p.m. to attend my classes ,which were from five to nine," Favila says.

Despite his heavy schedule, the intelligent and driven Favila still managed to finish college in four years. His salary at the time was up from P1 to P120 a month—enough to subsidize his tuition and pay for his allowance and other needs.

"My parents sent me to school but I took care of buying the supplies and my allowance with my salary. I got used to doing that," he relates.

It was not too much of a burden for Favila as he has always been something of a workaholic. Even as a child he liked doing chores and odd jobs for relatives.

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London's well-heeled use gold in food, pampering

LONDON—Gold is worn usually as a sign of wealth, but the well-heeled of London and its environs have been eating it for years for health reasons and now believe it has anti-aging benefits when used in facial treatments.

"In the last four or five months there has been an upsurge in what people do with gold," said Bruce Alexander, joint owner of the Archipelago restaurant in London's West End.

"We have been using it for many years here—we try to do something different with food," he added.

A lot of the food prepared at Archipelago is geared toward healthy eating—such as kangaroo meat, scorpions and locusts—and gold is used for the same reasons.

Alexander said the metal, when consumed regularly, was good for circulation, cleared the blood and enhanced the mind.

Among the dishes prepared at Archipelago are melba toast, with shredded foie gras and finished off with 24-carat gold leaf and Japanese plum in a jelly containing real gold flakes.

John McClements, chef and proprietor at McClements restaurant—located in London's outskirts in Twickenham—said he used gold leaf mainly on deserts such as petit fours or ice cream. He said he had used it for the past five to six years, not just for presentation, but for taste.

Alexander said higher quality gold had no taste, but McClements said it did, particularly when eaten with chocolate.

Some of London's more expensive bars are selling drinks such as vodka which contain specks of gold, Alexander said. He was trying to source champagne with gold flecks from South Africa.

Combats aging

Gold facials were introduced to the British capital last September, having launched first in India some 18 months ago, according to London-based beauty therapist Pinka Yusupoff.

Yusupoff said the benefits of gold facial treatments were numerous, including very powerful anti-aging properties.

The therapy is based on Ayurveda—an ancient science founded on herbal and holistic healing.

"Gold helps to counteract the degenerative process caused by environmental pollution and the toxic build-up caused by mental stress," Yusupoff said.

The metal's qualities were used to rejuvenate and revitalize the skin, reverse oxidation damage to collagen and promote cell regeneration, she added.

Some skin specialists said they were skeptical about gold's beauty benefits.

"As far as scientific evidence goes, gold or any heavy metal cannot penetrate normal skin," Dr R.K. Pandhi, head of the skin department at New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences, told Reuters.

"Gold has no role in rejuvenation of the skin," he added.

Yusupoff said a gold facial, which lasts for an hour and costs about 40-50 pounds ($50), was better than normal facial treatments because of the metal's added properties.

It felt different, she said, because it did not clog up the skin, but let it breathe.

Pot of gold

Products—developed by the Delhi-based leading Indian skin care company Shahnaz Husain group—include a gold cream, gel and mask.

In addition to 24-carat gold leaf and gold dust, these Ayurvedic formulations include plants, herbs, roots, spices and minerals.

Yusupoff said the nicest product was the "pot of gold," resembling a foundation and used in conjunction with a moisturizer.

"It gives a beautiful finish to skin, a very subtle sheen. For evening wear it glistens."

Yusupoff said she did not see the treatment falling victim to the fickleness of fashion.

"Gold and everything Eastern has become very fashionable, but it will last.

"It's not faddish because it has therapeutic value. From a medicinal point of view alone it's factual," she said.

Yusupoff added that diamond facial treatments were also under development, but was unsure when they would make it onto the market. *Reuters*

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Can we ever have the nation we want? UP's best minds predict when and how

EXECUTIVE READ

"The Philippines Into the 21st Century"
By Jose V. Abueva (General Editor), et al
University of the Philippines Press

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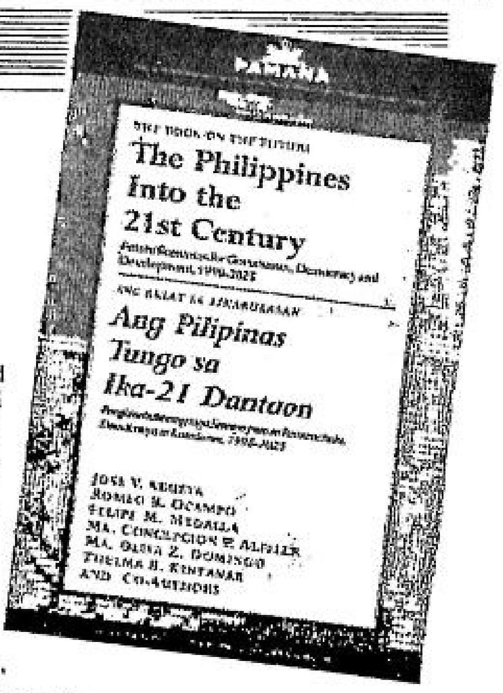
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IN one breath, with a palpable sense of despair, we ask: Can we ever get out of the mess our country is in? But, in another breath, proving that hope truly springs eternal from the Filipino heart, we earnestly seek an answer to the question: When can we have the nation we want?

Is finally having a better Philippines a simple matter of when, or a problematic matter of if?

Can we finally tear ourselves away from the vicious cycle of rising and falling expectations and from the seesaw between peace and conflict? Can we finally have choices beyond the unacceptable extremes of systematic authoritarianism, on one hand, and a bungling democracy, on the other?

Can we have real economic prosperity that truly deals with the plight of the poor, and not a prosperity that makes the rich richer and the poor poorer? Can we ever get out of the predicament of a flawed free society, to paraphrase a former American president, that "cannot help the many who are poor, (and therefore) cannot save the few who are rich?" Can we be spared forever from a leader who promotes a class war—wooing the poor and wishing woes for the rich?

While abroad, when can we be spared from the bad news of banditry and economic plunder, and instead be treated to the good news of heroism and economic growth in our country—and so be touched by a sense of national pride?

Closer to the gut, we query: When can people go to bed without pangs of hunger? When can children have a life of fun and a secure future, and not a life of scavenging in the stench and squalor of a mountain-size garbage heap?

When can farmers truly enjoy the fruits of their produce and fishermen get substantial earnings for their day's catch—enough for their daily bread and some extra to secure a future?

The authors of the book, "The Philippines Into the 21st Century," conclude—after exhaustive evaluation and rigorous analysis—that the Philippines is in for a full flowering of socio-cultural, economic and political institutions that will result in a brighter future for Filipinos by the year 2025 at the latest.

At the concluding part of the 216-page book, they give this forecast:

"The chances look good for the consolidation of Filipino democracy. The nation's cumulative democratic experience, including the recent and phenomenal expansion and strengthening of citizens' organizations in civil society, helps in the rebuilding and institutionalization of democracy . . . Progress in economic and social development, if sustained, is conducive to democratic consolidation. The global democratic revolution provides it with a favorable external environment."

That's not a sound bite, I know. It's a mouthful. And yet it is the one passage that captures the message of the entire book, which is sub-titled: "Future Scenarios for Governance, Democracy and Development, 1998-2025."

And, more important, it is a statement that concludes an exhaustive multidisciplinary study about a huge subject like the entire country and about the longest road ahead of us called the "future."

This is not your kind of book when you curl up in bed on a rainy day to get small doses of homespun wisdom or handy anecdotes. But this is a book that you must read, if you are in search for answers about the future of our country.

For so long, we have been treated to viewpoints and opinions dished out so casually and so recklessly—and we therefore take their opinions with a grain of salt.

This book changes all that.

The conclusions about where we as a nation are going and in what shape—plus in what possible dates—are arrived at by 50 scholars and experts—based on assiduously researched data, well-thought out premises, rigorously analyzed viewpoints, objectively tested findings, and systematically arrived at scenarios.

We come away more confident that we have been given a roadmap for the future, and we are told that some of us are at the driver's seat—and we must do our job well.

Be patient as you wade through the robust, if not clinical—but occasionally inspired—language of scholars, often stripped to the bare essentials of communicating fact and truth—because, along the way, you will encounter interesting questions as: Shall we shift from a presidential to a parliamentary form of government? Is it true that among 39 countries evaluated for student achievement in science and mathematics, the Philippines ranks 37th? You will invariably get informed answers.

You will have to be prepared for a rare encounter with the collective thought of the experts—top-notch academicians or high ranking government officials (past and present)—or both.

You may start with the integrative framework at the beginning to encourage yourself. Then jump to the concluding notes that are punctuated by tables that, at one glance, tell you at what year we can achieve the best for the Philippines in nationhood, democracy, rule of law, health, etc.

Then, make a reckoning that by 2019 or 2025, you would still be alive by then to savor the bright prospects.

In the same concluding notes, the authors reserve their best shot in a fitting clincher, which focuses on the future leaders of the country, proposing five job qualifications—covering competence, respect for human dignity, imbued with a vision, emphasis on character formation and commitment to preparing future leaders for orderly succession. Did our previous presidents qualify?

Check the book out on its evaluation of the vision and watch of Philip-

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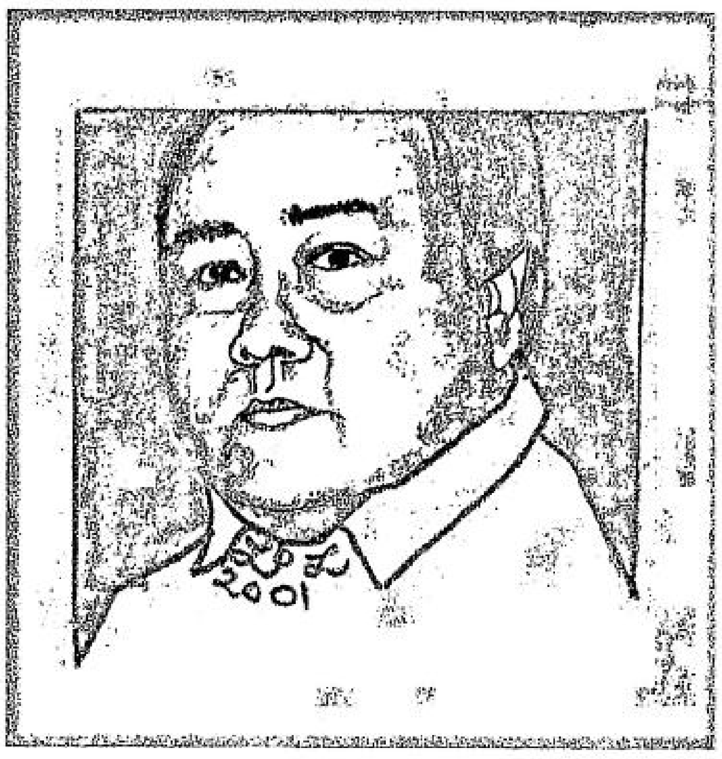
IN YOUR FACE

BY C.P. LEVISTE



CONTROVERSIES hounded Cebuano lawyer Winston Garcia since he have on the reins of the Government Service Insurance System. He was not afraid to speak out against fellow bank directors, against the plan to cut government executives' salaries and his many critics. He remains steadfast, saying that he is just protecting the money of government employees.

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FAVILA and former Bank of America chair Dave Coulter

Three-time . . .

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The string of jobs Favila held eventually led him to the banking industry, which would become his bread and butter.

In his senior year in college, Favila applied with the Merchants Banking Corp. that was looking for accounting clerks at the time. Since he was working for almost four years, he was immediately accepted.

He worked at the Ermita branch of the bank. He promptly left at 4:30 p.m. to catch his 5 p.m. class. This sounds impossible now but almost 30 years ago, there was no such thing as traffic.

Favila started out in the banking industry as the collector of local drafts or checks drawn from the provinces. It was the old clearing system. His route was Binondo, Azcarraga (now Recto) and he took the jeep to do his routes. But he was provided with transportation allowance.

On to Citibank

He stayed with Merchants for about two years after graduation and then moved to Citibank as an international processing clerk in 1971. Favila relates that his banking career exposed him to all the facets of the banking industry, from loans and credit, accounting, cash and commercial.

Merchants Bank paid him just P200 a month, which Citibank quadrupled to P800 when he transferred.

Favila considers Merchants Bank owner Vincent Recto as his mentor. The list later expanded to include bankers Luis Manapat, the late Victor Medina, Jose Ticzon, Alfonso Cruz, Wellington Ty.

"Mr. Recto told me that banking is a business of trust and confidence. You should not break the covenant of the bank and the public," he stresses.

Favila made a name for himself in the bank through his hard work and determination that rival banks eventually noticed him. Metrobank owned by George Ty was the first to take notice, pirating Favila in 1974.

At Metrobank , his final pay as an executive under the treasury department was P25,000 a month plus bonuses and profit share.

During the economic crisis of 1986, where there was a debt moratorium and therefore no Treasury activities, Favila took a two-month program in banking at the Wharton Business School.

When he returned, Boboy Virata recruited him to join the Exchange Capital Corp., a local partner of Jardine Fleming.

Up to CEO

But in just two years, in 1991, the new owners of Security Bank asked him to head the bank. He stayed until 1995 when BSP Governor Gabriel C. Singson, a relative, appointed him to head the former state-run Philippine National Bank.

When the new administration took over in 1998, he moved again and joined Allied Bank in September 1998.

His colorful and rewarding career in the banking sector exposed Favila to all kinds of executives and clients who taught him everything about banking. He, however, says his father, a lawyer by profession, remains his greatest role model.

"He worked with the Rehabilitation Finance Corp, (now the Development of the Philippines) in Dagupan. He came home on weekends and I saw how hardworking he was," Favila recalls.

During vacations, they would go to Dagupan where the young Favila was exposed to the disciplinarian ways of his father and his grandfather, Dr. Manuel Singson-Favila.

"My grandparents would make it a point that we were disciplined. They made sure we did not waste time. We even worked in their ice plant," he says.

It was therefore a big blow to him when his father died in 1987. He was left to help take care of his siblings, being the third eldest child.

Favila is actually one half of a twin but his twin died shortly after birth.

He originally wanted to become a lawyer like his father but he found the course too long. Besides his early work experience led him to fulfill his destiny in banking, where he has the distinction of being the CEO of three of the country's biggest banks.

FAVILA unwinds after work.

Can we ever . . .

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pine presidents from Manuel L. Quezon to Fidel V. Ramos. Joseph Estrada's all-too-brief stint was not included in the study.

And yet this concluding paragraph might as well be a timely reminder for the current president and for future presidents:

"As history's good and effective leaders have shown the world, only a few of them were saints; they were simply humans who emulated the best and tried always to aim high, to learn, and to transcend themselves. For they truly cared for the people under their responsibility. No less will be expected of the Filipino political-administrative leader in the 21st century."

As for you, dear reader, if you care enough about whether we will ever get the nation we want, tap the rarely untapped critical mind in you, and be ready to discuss our common future with the best minds in this book. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

Showbiz and cellphones make a 'hot' team

SHOWBIZ and cellphones may seem like an odd couple, but this "love team" is pretty hot and getting hotter these days, says the head of the Philippines' largest mobile phone company.

Entertainment content—what one author calls the "e-factor"—is helping cell phone companies build their business by keeping their customers busy clicking on their keypads to get the latest ring tones, logos and send answers to the quiz show that may win him a million bucks.

"There is a whole new generation of customers out there," said Napoleon L. Nazareno, Smart president and CEO, in a recent speech before the Rotary Club Makati West. "They are the generation that has a huge appetite for entertainment and their tribe is increasing."

To meet this demand, Smart has been launching a flurry of entertainment services. Some samples:

The successful Text to Millions contest where participants answer via text a variety of trivia questions. Those who correctly answer four questions in a day get to join a raffle with a P1-million top prize. A housewife from Tacloban won the first big draw on June 8, while a university student won last week's final draw.

Ring tones and logos are a big favorite. Smart also offers graphics from such sources as Sanrio (featuring popular characters like Hello Kitty), Cartoon Network (Bugs Bunny and the Power Puff girls), Tamiya (with its popular anime characters) and the Philippine Basketball Association, (which offers the logos of its member clubs).

In the Smart Movie Club, the subscribers who sign up can get movie info, download logos and ringtones, play interactive games and also win tickets to movie premiers like the hit movie "Tomb Raider" and "Jurassic Park Part III."

NAZARENO

The rising popularity of entertainment services reflects how differently cell phones are used by young professionals, students and teenagers—who now make up the bulk of the cell phone market.

Unlike older folk who take a more utilitarian attitude, the young like to have fun with their phones. They delight in dressing up their phones with different logos, having ring tones of the latest hit songs and checking their daily horoscopes through their phones.

The games and contests, however, extend the appeal of cell phone-based entertainment services far beyond the ranks of the young. Nazareno relates: "While I was in the hospital recently, I overheard doctors and nurses debating the right answer to the question: What is the largest planet in the solar system?"

What's happening here in the Philippine cellular business reflects global trends in telecoms in particular and business jn general.

NTT DoCoMo of Japan, which runs the world's most successful mobile Internet service called I-mode, has found that its subscribers spend much of their time visiting *chakumelo* or "fluff" sites where they buy customized ring tones and graphics for phone displays. They also go for game sites.

But it's not just telecom. Entertainment is "invading" business worldwide. And business is becoming more and more entertainment-oriented. Responding to growing consumer demand, more and more companies are "using entertainment content in order to entice the consumer into buying products and services and to enrich his experience when using these products," Nazareno adds.

He quotes media consultant Michael Wolf: "There is no business without show business."

In his 1999 bestseller *"The Entertainment Economy: How Mega Media Forces are Transforming Our Lives,"* Wolf wrote that "consumers have come to expect that they will be entertained all the time. Products and brands that deliver on this expectation are succeeding. Products that do not will disappear."

He cited McDonald's, which boosted its sales when it began distributing toys and unwittingly become the world's largest biggest toy distributor along the way. Wolf also pointed to Singapore Airlines that has invested heavily in a computerized entertainment system on board their aircraft that is even more powerful than the computer guiding the passenger plane.

For the telecom business, embracing entertainment content has been made vastly sim-

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THE TAIPAN restaurant boasts of the best Chinese food in town. The restaurant is dominated by a Coromandel painting specially executed for the Tower Club.

TIRED executives can have a drink or two at the Baron's Bar before heading home.

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THE CONTINENTAL restaurant has two special rooms—Pinot and Murano—that are decorated with the famed Murano glass from Italy.

THE RECEPTION area has a club management system that contains members' information. Receptionists make sure that only members enter the club.

New power hub Tower Club open for grub

THE ELEVATORS leading to the Tower Club were installed with special lights that change color and stacked glass from Thailand.

MEMBERS who want to hold meetings can make use of the boardroom with its conference facilities and Vitra chairs, the higher version of which were used in the White House by former US President Clinton.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

AFTER months of anticipation, Jose L. Cuisia Jr., the former Central Bank governor and now president and CEO of the giant insurance group Philamlife, is set to fulfill a promise made to many of the country's top business decision makers.

He is set to formally open the doors of the Tower Club, located at the 33rd and 34th floors of the Philamlife Tower in Makati, to club members this week, making his vision of putting up a prestigious business club in the country a reality.

Cuisia's vision for the Tower Club is shared and supported by the venerable Washington Sycip, founder of the auditing giant SGV & Co.

These two business heavyweights are joined in the board of governors by other esteemed captains of Philippine commerce and industry like PLDT's Manny Pangilinan, Benpres Holdings' Oscar Lopez, Hyland Realty's Rafael Hechanova, Ambassador Ramon del Rosario Sr. and his son, former Finance Secretary and now managing partner of SGV Ramon "Boy Blue" del Rosario Jr. Pilipinas Shell's Oscar Reyes, Ayala scions Jaime Augusto and Fernando Zobel, fishing magnate Francisco Tiu-Laurel, former energy czar Geronimo Velasco Jr., McDonald's franchise owner George T. Yang and Ricardo Romulo and Roberto Romulo are also part of the board.

The voice of women in business is ably supplied by Corazon de la Paz, recently retired senior partner of Joaquin Cunanan & Co., and Doris Magsaysay Ho, CEO of Magsaysay Maritime Corp.

Danny Ignacio, part of the team that built Philamlife Tower, collaborated with the prestigious CCA Holdings Ltd., represented by its chair Dieter Klostermann, managing director Helmut Knipp and seasoned Filipino hotelier Arthur Lopez to put the club into operation.

Architect William Coscolluela designed the building plans, while Robert Bilkey of Bilkey, Llinas Design Associates based in Florida, USA, was commissioned to do the interiors.

CCA is an international management firm that operates some of the most prestigious private clubs and leisure facilities in Asia and Europe.

There will be two main dining outlets—a Chinese restaurant seating 144 guests, which will offer a menu of exotic and authentic Cantonese, Szechuan and other Asian cuisine, and a Western restaurant seating 132, which will boast of exquisite, multiflavored continental specialties.

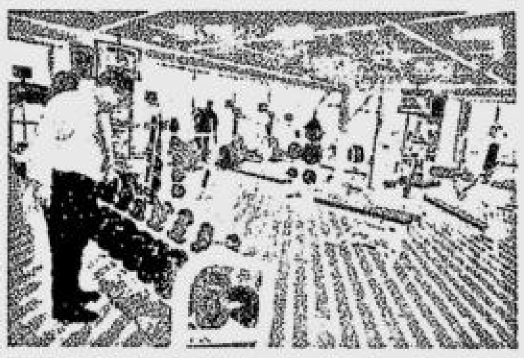
The Bar Lounge (capacity: 53 persons) will have an excellent cellar with cognac, whiskey, brandy and wines, while the Cigar Room will provide members a venue to enjoy their Cuban cigars. In addition, there will be six private function rooms and a boardroom, which will be the ultimate in power meetings.

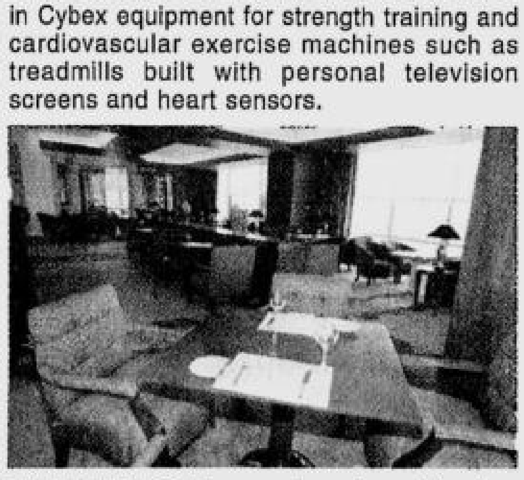
The Library, on the other hand, will carry popular titles. It is a haven for members who opt for a more sedate and quiet surrounding where they can read a book while enjoying their cappuccino. The adjacent Business Center will be equipped with uplinked computers, laser printers and fax and copier machines.

Finally, the Tower Club has allocated a sizeable area for the fitness center, with separate sections for men and women. The center will house the latest in exercise equipment. There will be steam and massage rooms and a juice bar.

The Tower Club is developed and owned by the Philippine American Life and General Insurance Co. (Philamlife), a member of the American International Group (AIG), the largest underwriter of commercial and industrial insurance in the United States.

Individual shares are going for P350,000 each while corporate clients have to shell out P600,000 for a share.


THE TOWER Club's health club has the latest in Cybex equipment for strength training and cardiovascular exercise machines such as treadmills built with personal television screens and heart sensors.


THE MEMBER'S lounge done in earth colors features a piano bar and a cigar room filled with top-of-the-line cigars from here and abroad.

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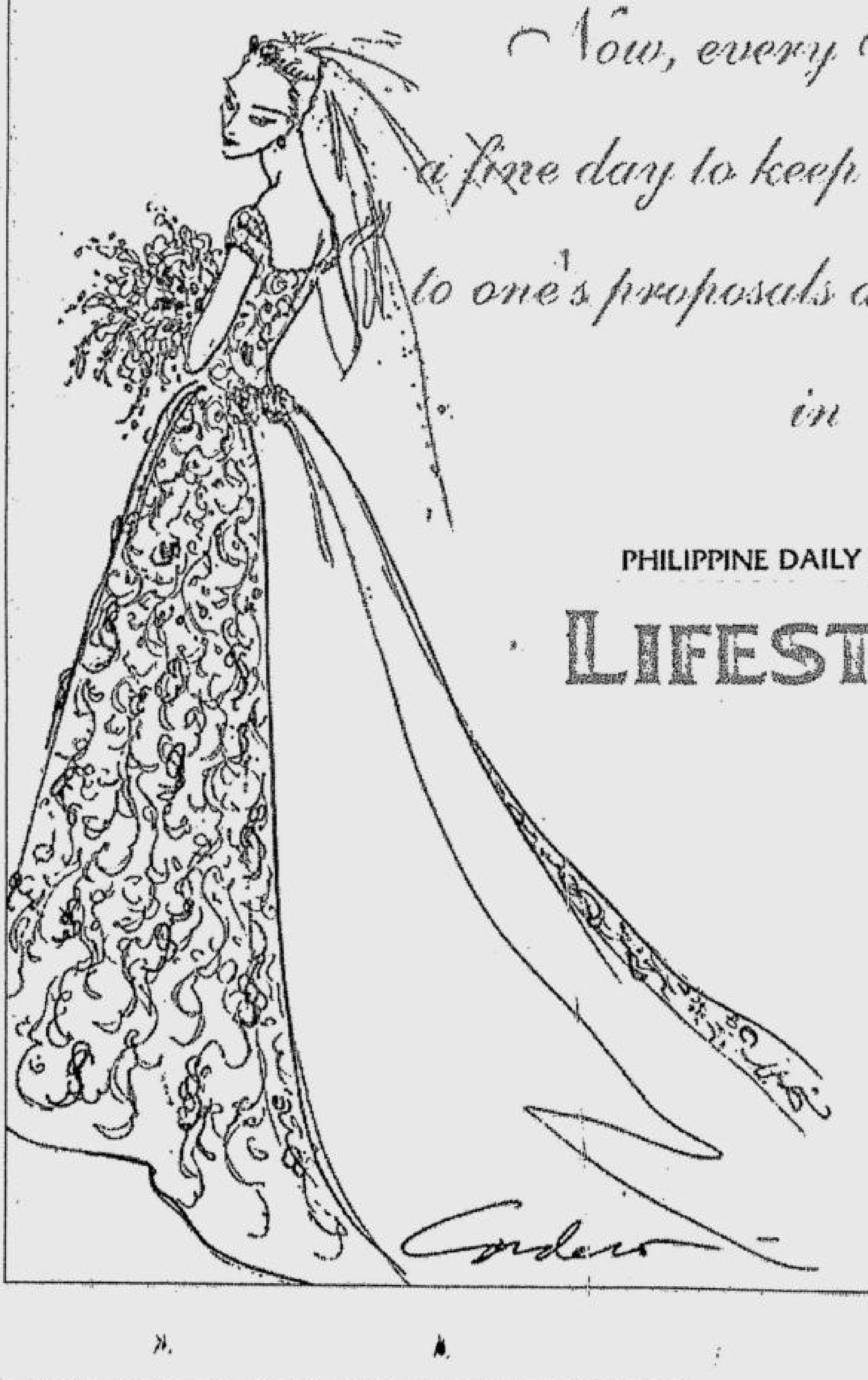

TONY Herbosa and wife Lilibeth during their Melbourne honeymoon.

Deal maker . . .

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standing of local investor sentiments.

"Perhaps, this explains why I quickly progressed to stock market trading and arbitrage for some clients," Tony says with excitement. He was the exclusive stock market advisor to two funds with total asset value of P2.4 billion. Despite bear market conditions, Tony still made a 100 percent return for the Meralco Foundation in 1998. Thereafter, the prolonged crisis just made it harder to make any money for his clients.

The collapse of the local capital market has provided a different blessing for Tony, which he claims has enriched his perspective in life. He was forced to retire at the age of 40 from the industry given its problems but still has to collect retirement pay.

"It's a good thing I had made my money then and can use this time to enjoy Xavier and my wife. I was able to really focus on them for a change," Tony says.

Prodded when he made his first million in the stock market, Tony can only venture that it was probably before he turned 35. Asked if that was in pesos, he laughs, "What can I do with a million pesos?"

"Seriously, I had wanted to get out of the investment banking industry since it got to a point that it was all consuming, personally and professionally. My health was suffering. The industry had to assume more risks just to survive, but the returns just did not justify the growing systematic risks. Many of my good friends in the industry have to grind their teeth for now and play it low key. But I was surprised that I could still do my financial packaging craft with P&A Ernst Young Manila without having to assume the transaction risks of an investment bank," he says.

Tony just started with Punongbayan & Araullo (Ernst & Young Manila) as principal (virtually a partner for non-CPAs) in charge of Corporate Finance (Corfin). He was surprised when the managing partner Ben Punongbayan called him and showed interest in his background. It was flattering since he had a lot of respect for the senior partners of the firm who had grown P&A from seven people to a 450-man outfit. He was also impressed that P&A has developed a very good name as an independent auditor and has kept very high standards. The firm moved into its new office at 19th and 20th floors of the Enterprise Center, Tower 1 just two years ago.

Apparently, Corporate Finance is a growth area in Ernst & Young's Global Strategy. The group just bagged a major advisory engagement for Saudi Arabia's Tourism Commission and has major financial advisory engagements in various parts of the world. It has been very active worldwide on privatizations, project finance and capital markets.

EYI Law is equally growing as fast and is about the third largest in the world. As Tony explains, "If convergence is such a big word in IT, the same is true in the financial services and business assurance industries globally." It seems that one cannot focus only on traditional products such as audit and tax but provides other value added services that compliment existing services. Corporate Finance, which used to be the singular domain of investment banks, is now offered by the Big Five.

"We are not out to compete with the investment banks. That is not why we are here. Our role is to augment their existing product lines and expertise so they can provide their clients with cost-efficient services. P&A Corfin's focus will be financial packaging and valuation, not syndication and distributions. Investment houses that have solid Corfin teams will not need our packaging services, but we can provide them with cost-efficient valuation services for their clients. However, there are investment houses that do not see the logic to having their own packaging capabilities.

With 50 local investment houses, having a Corfin team may prove to be too uneconomical. This is where we can lend more our packaging expertise to them—in M&A, financial restructuring, privatization, preferred shares or derivatives, for example. They can focus on what they may do best—distribution, syndication or underwriting. We can even tap EYI's global database for deal-specific information," he says.

P&A (Ernst & Young Manila) is an excellent "outsourcing" partner for Philippine corporations, which need to minimize their overhead given the economic crisis. Companies are really better off just "outsourcing" their requirements instead of hiring expensive staff. In a sense, the role of Corfin is to support the CFO's functions, while Audit and Tax support both the CFO and Comptroller requirements. P&A even has a Business Services Group that provides payroll administration, which in turn supports the activities of an administration department of a company. "It is quite possible that in a few years, P&A Corfin will be providing virtual CFO services to SMEs that don't have a need for a full-time CFO," Tony says.

Where does Tony see himself five years from now? Tony is quick to answer, "You know, where I am five or 10 years from now doesn't really matter as much (looking at Xavier). It's where he will be that matters to me now."

–Butch Pajarillo

TONY's dad, Enrique, with his son Xavier and wife Lilibeth.

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WHEN telegraphy teacher George Safford Parker introduced his pens to the world in 1888, his philosophy was "make something better and people will buy it." More than a century later, Parker has kept its promise and remains as the consumers' brand of choice. This year, it is being honored with a SuperBrand Award by Reader's Digest Asia.

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Commissioned by Reader's Digest Asia and conducted by research company Taylor Nelson Sofres, the SuperBrand Awards is the only consumer survey of its kind and magnitude across Southeast Asia. Reader's Digest enjoys the highest audited circulation in the region and is recognized as the most widely read publication in Asia.

Showbiz and cellphones make a 'hot' team

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pler by the spread of digital technology. "Digital technology has uncoupled entertainment products from any specific medium and has made portable across multiple platforms," Nazareno says.

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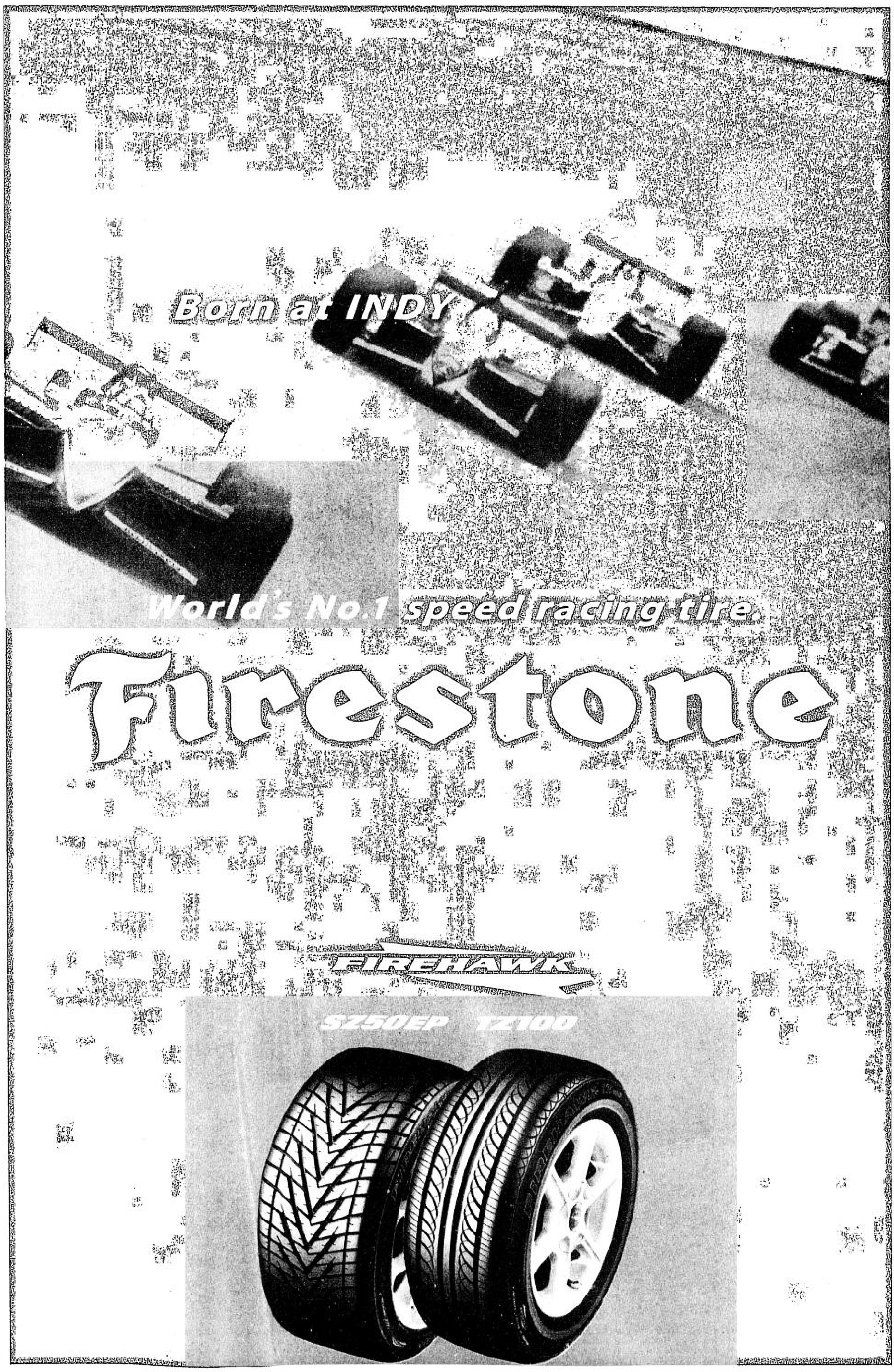

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Deal maker gets second wind at 40

UPON entering Tony Herbosa's home in a plush Makati village, one gets the feeling that this man has indeed arrived. There is an oversized Sanso, walls with Mactan stones, Murano glass dividers and narra floors. There are also nude paintings in the den (done by Tony's New York-based artist niece Mia Ongpin-Herbosa), adorning a fully stacked bar and a lounge sofa—clear traces of swinging bachelor days gone by.

But one should spot the incongruity of it all: Imported neo-classic furniture side by side with milk-stained strollers. Tony did not seem apologetic. "The mess could have been a lot worse if it was Xavier's lunch time," quipped the proud father.

For people who know Tony well, a former investment banker and man-about-town, starting a family at 40 has indeed changed him. He had a very active single life, married to his career, sports and his nightlife. It took a very different woman to slow him down.

"Lilibeth was so unique, having grown up in the province, and a breathe of fresh air from the cosmopolitan types I dated," Tony remarks. "She was the extreme opposite of me, out Ying and Yang blended well. It also helped that I was an investment banker and trained to spot synergies," he explains with a smile.

Tony's career was fast-tracked since he got his MBA in Finance from the Wharton School in the 80s. After working briefly for Salomon Brothers, a Wall Street investment house, Tony went back to Manila to build his professional roots and hopefully find a wife and settle down. With so many eligible, well-heeled ladies, the latter objective became more muddled than he expected, so Tony just focused on his career.

He was fortunate to have gotten into investment banking while it was taking off in the early 90s and he credits his success to his early mentors. He learned much from his former bosses at Anscor (AB) Capital, but it was through his job as executive assistant to PCI Bank chair Eugenio Lopez Jr. that he learned the art of packaging and deal-making.

"Geny Lopez was not the classic entrepreneur from a Gokongwei or Henry Sy perspective. I remember that he even had a small oriental food store in California that did not break even. But he had the uncanny ability to triple the value of a project by simply packaging it properly and getting the critical components together at minimum risk. Perhaps, it was his vision, together with the uncanny sense of timing and people," Tony says.

Tony perhaps learned more than he bargained for. Polishing his craft, Tony packaged the financing of two Makati office towers totaling P1 billion prior to the crisis. He even brokered six floors to a bank and found a strategic partner. He has advised, structured and raised more than P15 billion in various transactions on behalf of his clients.

BEN Punongbayan handpicks Tony Herbosa to head P&A Ernst Young Manila's corporate finance.

At the age of 35, he became a managing director for investment banking with a local firm. He raised P2 billion for the Metro Pacific Group and took the first shipping company public. The latter was one of his proudest deals, which he did with former Negros Governor Daniel "Bitay" Lacson in 1996. Negros Navigation was worth P250 million, assets minus liabilities, when Tony came in to package its IPO. It was worth P3 billion after 12 months. The company was able to refleet and modernize its vessels.

"Good investment bankers thrive in volatile, sometimes hostile environments, and you need to be analytical, a lateral thinker, with solid execution skills and attention to details. Without creativity, plain vanilla execution adds very little value to transaction. Unbridled creativity, without seasoned market judgment and execution, seldom gets a deal consummated to the client's advantage," he explains. What makes Tony's career unique is that he was able to package deals despite not having the infrastructure of a unibank or the distribution of a global investment house.

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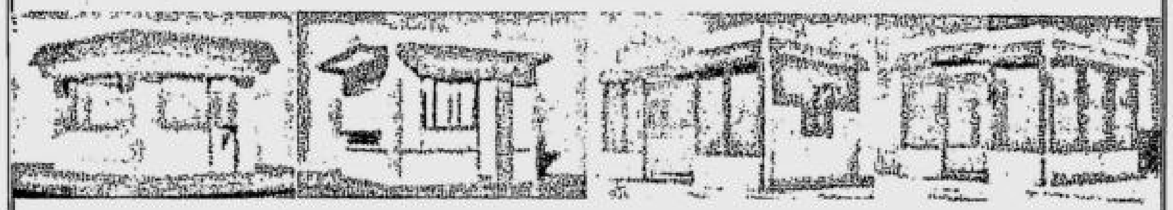

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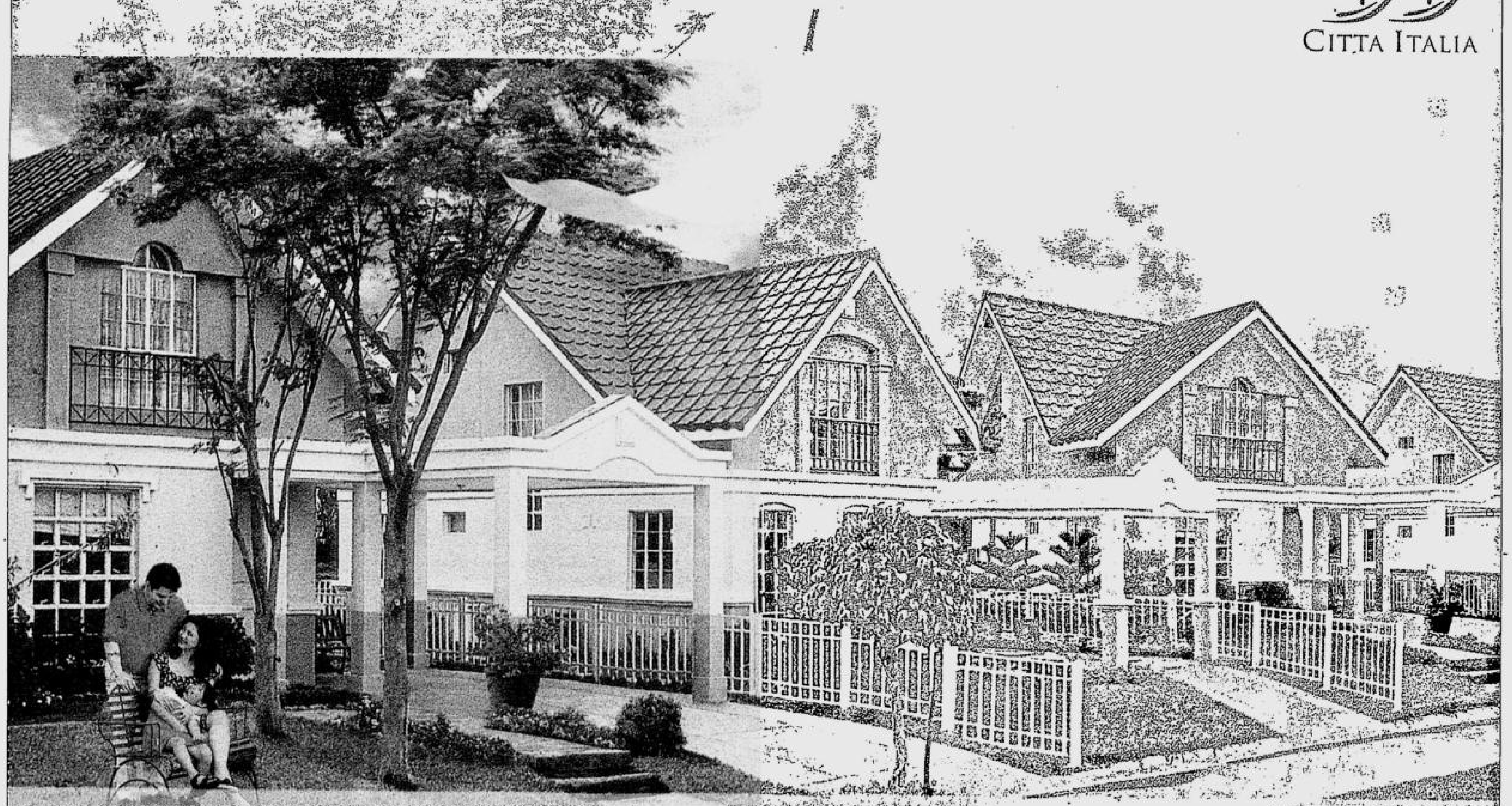

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A. Peter Mark Roget, an English physician who earned lasting fame as a lexicographer. A founder of the University of London, he also designed a slide rule and a miniature chessboard for travelers. Roget was in his seventies when he published the work by which he is known today. Conceived as a personal diversion, his *Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases Classified and Arranged so as to Facilitate the Expression of ideas and Assist in Literary Composition* (1832) was an instant success. Even though modern editions have been expanded beyond his original design, they still carry his name. The word *thesaurus* itself comes from the Greek *thesauros*, meaning 'as treasure.'

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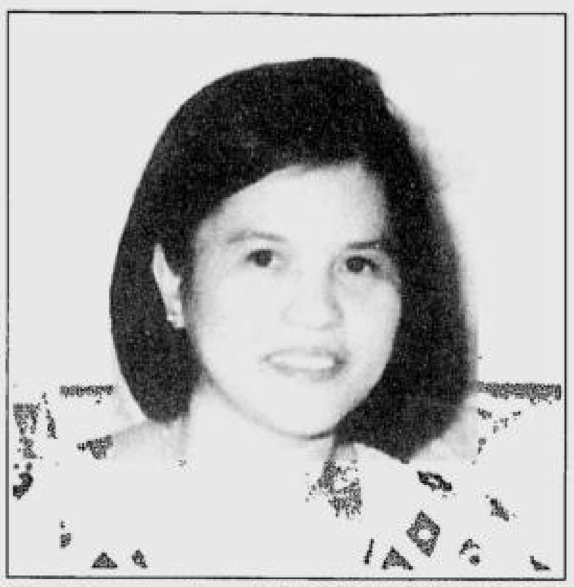

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The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center invites all DOH-Manila accredited suppliers for Drugs and Medicines, Hospital Medical, Dental, Surgical, Laboratory, X-ray reagents and supplies to bid for the same at the Cobalt Building, BGHMC Auditorium, Baguio City.

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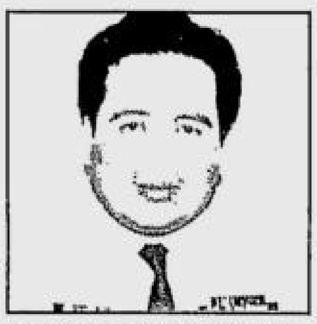

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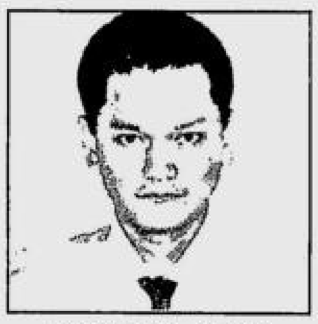

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Former First Vice President and
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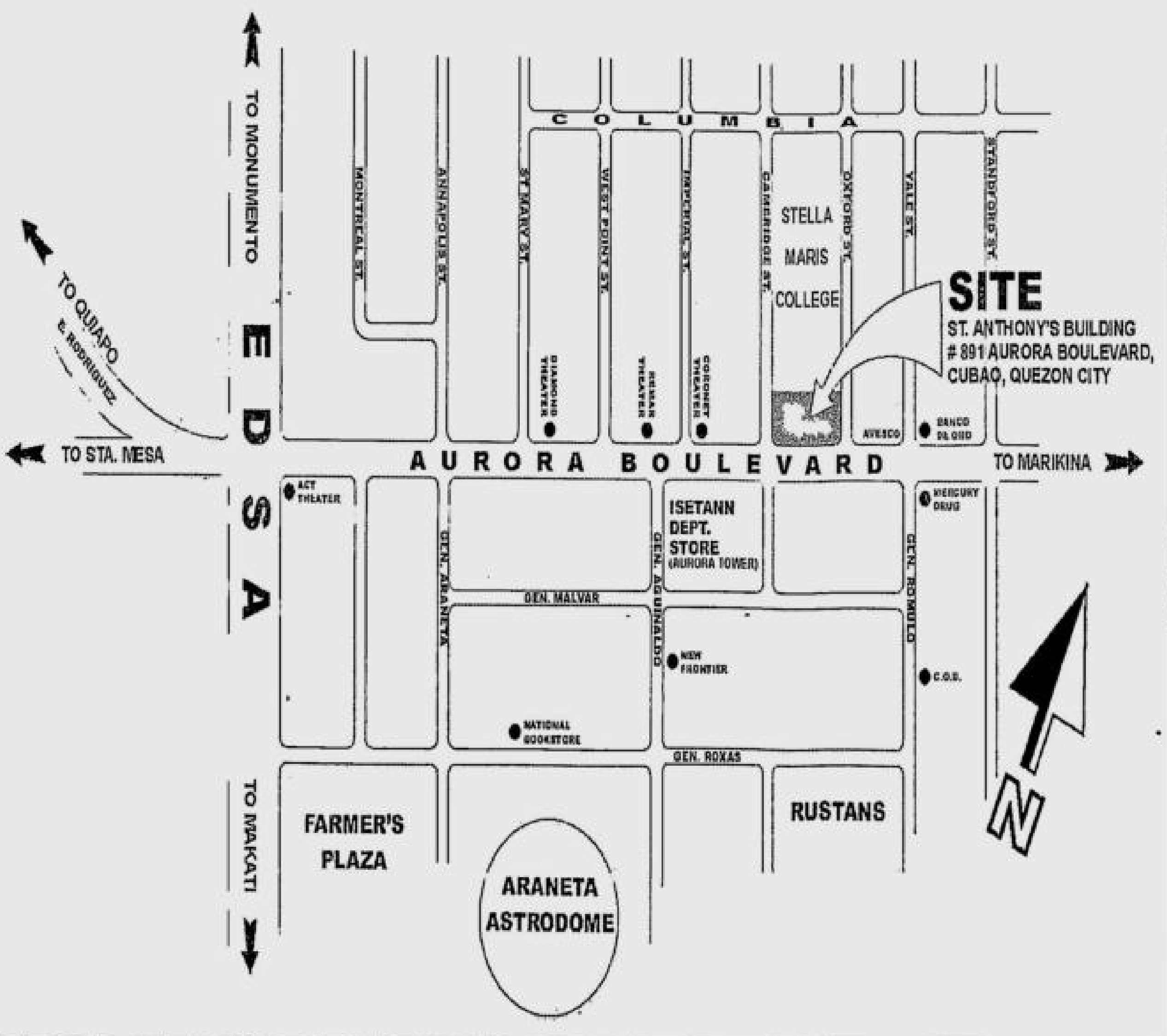

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Memorial services will be held on July 14 (Saturday) at
4:00 p.m. at Saratoga-Cupertino Funeral Home,
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His remains will be cremated on July 16 at 10:00 a.m.
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Announcements about a memorial service in Metro Manila
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Our Dearly Beloved

MARCELA L. LIWANAG

January 31, 1908 — July 13, 2001

Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord at the age of 92.

Her brothers and sisters **Aurora** (†) and **Amado Cruz** (†); **Filomeno** (†) and **Amparo**, **Dominador** (†) and **Prudencia**, **Dolores** and **Andres Cajator**, **Lourdes** (†), **Daniel** (†) and **Isabel**, **Consuelo** and **Luis Mauricio** (†), **Orencia** and **Leon Concepcion** (†); relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family mausoleum at Eternal Memorial Park, Tarlac City.

Interment will be on Sunday, July 15, 2001 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the family mausoleum.

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who was called to God's presence on June 27, 2001

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for the eternal repose of his soul.

*"Lord, for your faithful people life has changed,
not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling
lies in death, we gain an everlasting
dwelling place in heaven."*

Preface of Christian Death I

Message of Thanks

We, the family and relatives
of the late

VICTOR SY GAISANO

who joined his CREATOR
on June 30, 2001

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude
and sincere appreciation
to everyone who helped and comforted us
during our time of bereavement.

At a time
when thoughtfulness means so much,
your kind expression of sympathy
was of the greatest comfort.

Benito R. Balazo

of Alaminos, Laguna

*The former Provincial Treasurer of Laguna
peacefully joined our Lord on July 13, 2001*

His loving wife **Luz**; children **Chito** and **Maripaz**, **Rowena** and **Boy**, **Eunice** and **Greg**, **Raquel** and **Dong**, **Ayen** and **Pas**, **Brenda**, **Oliver** and **Tess**, **Norman** and **Perla**, **Sally** and **Ariel**, **Edward** and **Beth**, and all his grandchildren request friends and relatives to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Alaminos, Laguna.

Mass will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 21, 2001.
Interment follows at the Alaminos Memorial Park.

In Loving Memory
on the
Sixth Death Anniversary
of

ANTONIO C. ALCAZAR

*who died in the Grace of our Lord
on July 15, 1995.*

The family, relatives and friends
request the pious readers
to remember **TONIÑG**
in their prayers.

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*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in Me, though he should die,
will come to life."*

John 11:25

Our Dearly Beloved

TOLOMEO Z. ZURBANO, M.D.

of Labo, Camarines Norte

*Peacefully joined our Lord on July 10, 2001
at the age of 83.*

His loving wife **Belen T. Bautista, M.D.** (†); children **Malu** and **Fred Roldan** (†), **Linda** and **Cering Villaluz**, **Ludy** and **Lito Pardo**, **Mita** and **Bobby Marrero**; grandchildren **Carlo, Mikko, Rashel, Pippo, Jinno, Alyssa** and **Jedd** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 17, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City after the 9:00 AM Mass.

IN LOVING MEMORY
ON THE 11th DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF

DR. ANTERO L. MARTINEZ

Who returned to his Creator on July 15, 1990

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered today July 15, 2001 at the following churches:

Immaculate Conception Parish Church *Lantana Street, Cubao, Quezon City*	7:00 AM & 6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church *Balayan, Batangas*	6:45 AM
Sacred Heart Parish *San Antonio Village, Makati City*	6:00 AM
Holy Cross Parish Church *Amparo Village, Novaliches*	6:30 AM
Monasterio de Sta. Clara *Quezon City*	6:00 AM
St. Jerome Parish *Morong, Rizal*	7:00 AM
Sta. Rita Parish *Phil-Am Homes, Quezon City*	7:30 AM
Our Lady of Angelus Church *Rego Park, New York, USA*	8:00 AM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel *Quezon City*	7:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish *Jersey Road, Project 8, Quezon City*	9:00 AM
Lupit Church *Lizares Avenue, Bacolod City*	6:30 AM & 5:00 PM
San Ildelfonso Parish Church *Pasay Road, Makati City*	6:00 AM
San Alfonsus de Legouri Parish Church *Magallanes, Makati City*	7:00 AM

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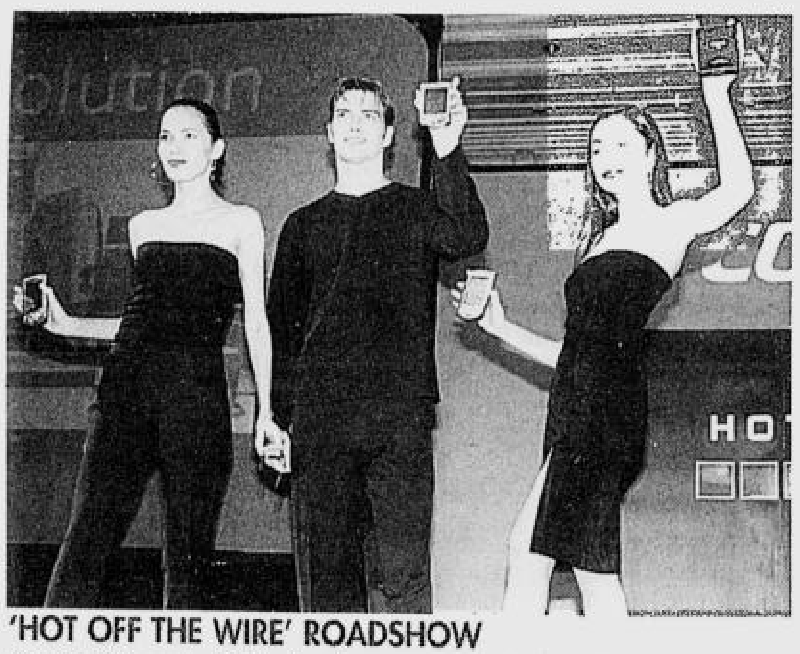

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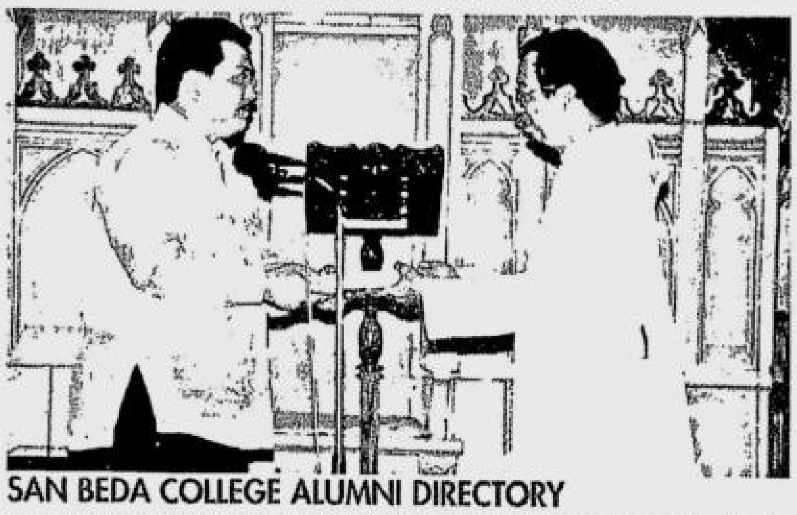
Compaq Computer Philippines Inc. unveiled a host of ultra-value, end-to-end products, services and solutions during the well-attended "Hot Off The Wire" roadshow held at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel, Makati City. The event is part of Compaq's 22-city mega roadshow to announce the "Evo" sub-brand of corporate computing solutions and introducing cool new industrial designs. Models, shown above, show off the iPAQ Access Devices that have been enhanced further to deliver a personal Internet experience.



SAN BEDA COLLEGE ALUMNI DIRECTORY

House of Representatives Deputy Secretary General and San Beda College Alumni Association president Ramon Ricardo A. Roque, Ph. D. presented a copy of the San Beda College Alumni centennial directory to the Rt. Rev. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB, abbot-chancellor of San Beda College in the launching ceremonies held recently at the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat in Mendiola, Manila. The SBC alumni centennial directory launching coincided with the oath-taking ceremonies of the officers of the San Beda College Alumni Association and the San Beda College Alumni Foundation. The Bedan alumni also tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of abbot Tarcisio and the newly appointed administrators of San Beda College led by its rector, Rev. Anscar Chupungco, OSB.

Art sale for a cause

DRAWINGS, paintings and porcelain plates by some of the country's leading artists are being offered at special discounts during an art sale in July at the at the E.R. Tagle gallery at ground floor of the Gallery building, Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (816-0904).

According to art curator and broker Ivydell Quizon, art works on landscapes, mother and child, horses, old churches, flowers and nudes by Solomon Saprid, Bert Ollague, Ritchie and George Tagle are available at 20 to 50-percent discounts.

Porcelain plates with mother and child paintings by Nemie Miranda, the late dean Jose Joya, Angel Cacnio, Dr. Ton Raymundo and E.R. Tagle are also available at a 50-percent discount, Quizon said.

The works of indigent children afflicted with cancer under the tutelage of E.R. Tagle are also available for sale.

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BITS & Clips

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Top educators gather for Abap bookfair

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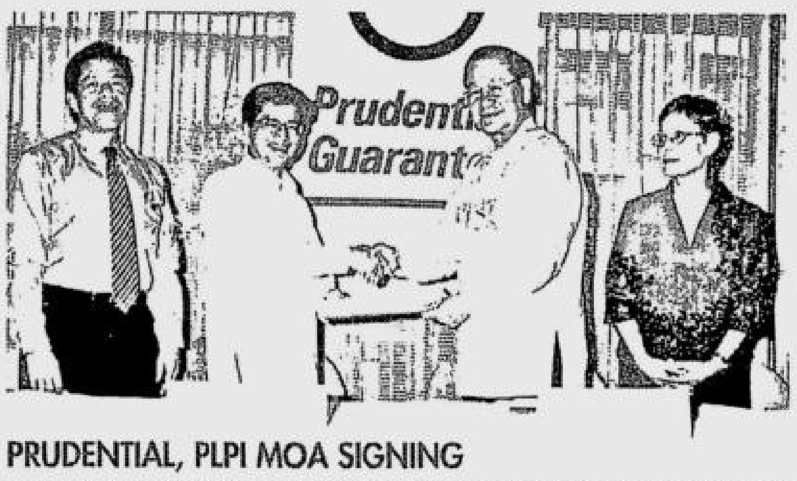
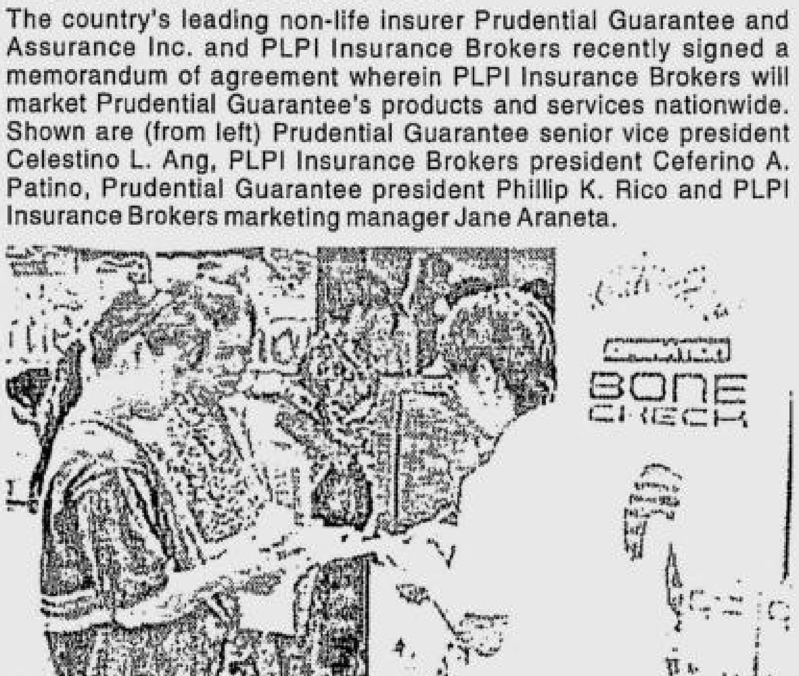


PRUDENTIAL, PLPI MOA SIGNING

The country's leading non-life insurer Prudential Guarantee and Assurance Inc. and PLPI Insurance Brokers recently signed a memorandum of agreement wherein PLPI Insurance Brokers will market Prudential Guarantee's products and services nationwide. Shown are (from left) Prudential Guarantee senior vice president Celestino L. Ang, PLPI Insurance Brokers president Ceferino A. Patino, Prudential Guarantee president Phillip K. Rico and PLPI Insurance Brokers marketing manager Jane Araneta.



OSTEOPOROSIS WAR ON A NATIONWIDE SCALE

Osteoporosis, which literally means "porous bones", is an enemy that strikes silently. It is the most common bone disease in the world and yet, sadly, there is no cure. Although treatments are available, the best line of defense is still through prevention. "Prevention through early detection." This has been the battle cry of Carnation Calcium Plus Operation Bone Check as it declared war against osteoporosis. Its mission – to provide free bone tests as a weapon to help combat the onslaught of this crippling disease. Operation Bone Check, which began in July 2000, initially provided service to residents of Metro Manila and nearby provinces of Luzon. But with the additional acquisition of state-of-the-art bone-scanning machines, it is now in full operation nationwide. Various teams have been assembled and dispatched to cover areas in the Visayas and Mindanao. Above, the Carnation Operation Bone Check does the rounds at Melvin Jones Park, Baguio City.

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(PDI-July 1, 8 & 15, 2001)

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No. 15 Naile St Gloria Heights Subd	236	bungalow with 3BR and 2TB	227	1.5M
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Lot 1 Blk 5 Ruby St cor Diamond St., Consuelo Sub., Abangan, Marilao	232	single-detached house with 4BR and 3TB	193	1.8M
Lot 25 Blk 15 Bush St. McArthur Village Longos, Malolos	126	bungalow with 2BR and 2TB	102	650T
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Lot 20 Blk 2 Psalm St. Sto Tomas Village IV Deparo	240	2-storey house with 3BR and 3TB plus servant's quarter	237	2.9M
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No. 11 Manganese Road Pilar Village	240	house and lot		1.81M
16 Kuala Lumpur St. BF Homes	296	2-storey with 5BR and 5TB	224	3.5M
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Unit 1405 Regina Garden II 703 Regina Regente St		condo unit with 3BR and 2TB	169	6.39M
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Address	Lot Area	Improvements	Flr. Area	Price
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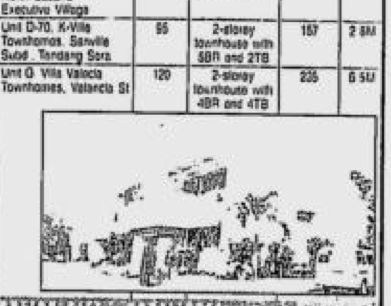

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(PDI-July 8,15 & 22, 2001)

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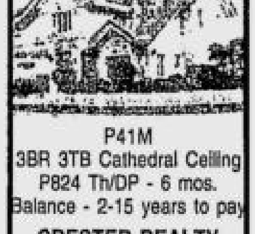

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BY CHELO BANAL-FORMOSO

> Things get better, if you help your child and you both have a sense of humor—take it from the mother of a boy with autism

LAST summer, I was asked to be the keynote speaker at a seminar on inclusive education that the UP College of Education conducted for parents, teachers, school administrators, Special Education students, therapists and other professionals involved with children with disabilities (CWD).

"Why you?" my daughter asked, in the tone teenagers usually use when a mother proposes or says something incredulous. "You're not a cabinet secretary. You're not a government official."

"I'm better," I said. "I'm a parent."

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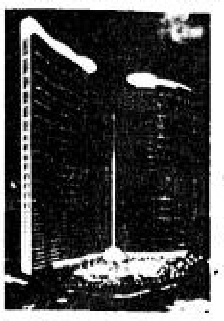

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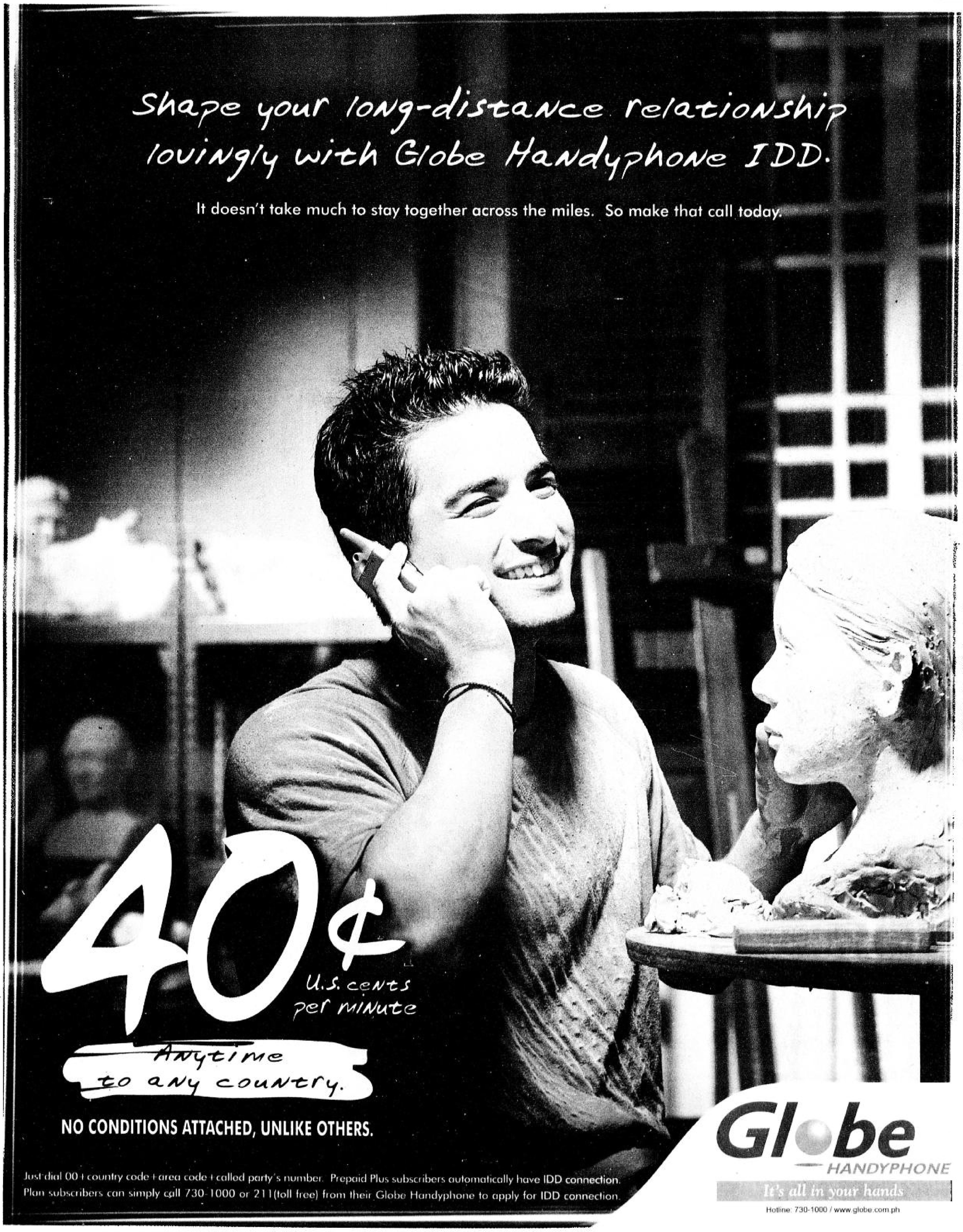
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Doctors teach how to keep them ‘away’ from your child

CARING for your child body and spirit—a holistic approach to health care.

By Cathy Babao Guballa

WAITING interminably in a pediatrician’s office is every parent’s nightmare. Most especially if the child is nursing a fever that seems to rise a centigrade every half-hour or so. Even more frustrating is, after waiting an hour or so, the consultation is rushed because there’s a kilometric line of patients waiting for the doctor.

Blessed is the pediatrician who goes the extra mile to respond to a parent’s multiple queries about his or her child’s illness or, better yet, has the sensitivity and heart to go beyond the child’s medical care. At Health Dynamics, a child health care company owned and managed by a group of young and progressive pediatricians, there are no people waiting in line as consultations are by appointment. Even better, the company holds parenting workshops aimed at promoting better and safer child care by developing informed and empowered parents.

Doctors Joy Dionio-Lim, Mylah Santos, Eliza Senseng and Myrene Javier were all pediatric residents at Medical City in the early ’90s when they began to ask themselves how they could improve their work in pediatrics. Early last year, they came up with the answer by pooling their resources to form Health Dynamics, a group practice that offers child care and parenting workshops on various infant and childhood concerns.

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“Parents nowadays are of a different breed. They ask more questions, they are really involved—both mothers and fathers,” Senseng says. “Parents expect more from their doctors now. If they feel shortchanged, they will leave you and move to another doctor,” she adds.

Empowering parents

We asked the doctors if giving detailed explanations to parents or holding workshops took up more of their time. The answer was yes, but they were quick to add that there was much to gain. “Parent education will result in less frantic calls at night because parents know what to expect. It really is the call of the times. If you have an empowered parent, that parent will eventually make wise decisions for the child and, in the long run, that is what we are really aiming for,” Senseng says.

Currently, the group offers five workshops on a monthly basis. These workshops were formulated through focus group discussions (FGDs) the doctors held with their patients’ parents. “We tested the modules on them before we decided to open it to the public,” Dionio-Lim says. The workshops include lectures, film showings and actual demonstration. Babies 101, Preparing for Baby’s Coming teaches the new parent or parent-to-be how he/she can help in the baby’s development; the right way to hold, dress and bathe the baby; sudden infant death syndrome and baby’s sleep; the best way to nourish and feed a baby; the danger signs to watch out for in a baby’s first few weeks of life; and important decisions to make for the baby.

The workshop on Infant Massage teaches the parent the benefits of infant massage and the right techniques in doing a whole body infant massage. Another workshop on Child Safety: Guarding against Child Abuse and Injuries teaches prevention of injuries in the home, school and the child’s environment; guarding against kidnapping; signs of abuse in children; guarding against child abuse and rape; and dealing with child abuse problems in the family.

Learn from each other

Other workshops are on Childhood Emergencies and First Aid and How to Handle a Picky Eater. Dionio-Lim says workshops often also become informal support groups among new parents. “Many times books and videos are inadequate so the parents who attend the workshops also learn from one another and they validate old practices. Many times the books they read are Western in orientation and so the workshops give [what they learn] a Filipino context,” Dionio-Lim stresses.

Workshops are held on Saturday afternoons and run from two to three hours depending on the subject. “Other doctors sometimes ask us why we do it. It’s really more for the child rather than the parent because we know that the child depends so much on the decisions that his/her parents make,” Senseng says. “The fulfillment comes in knowing that what you have taught will benefit the child. It always feels great to hear from parents that what we taught them worked.”

For the doctors of Health Dynamics, the workshops have given a deeper dimension to pediatrics. “The practice has more depth since we started doing these workshops which helped us develop a deeper relationship with the parents,” Dionio-Lim adds. “It made us see our patients in a different light. You don’t see just the sick child—you see the child within the context of the family that he or she comes from, and that spells a whole lot of difference,” according to Dionio-Lim.

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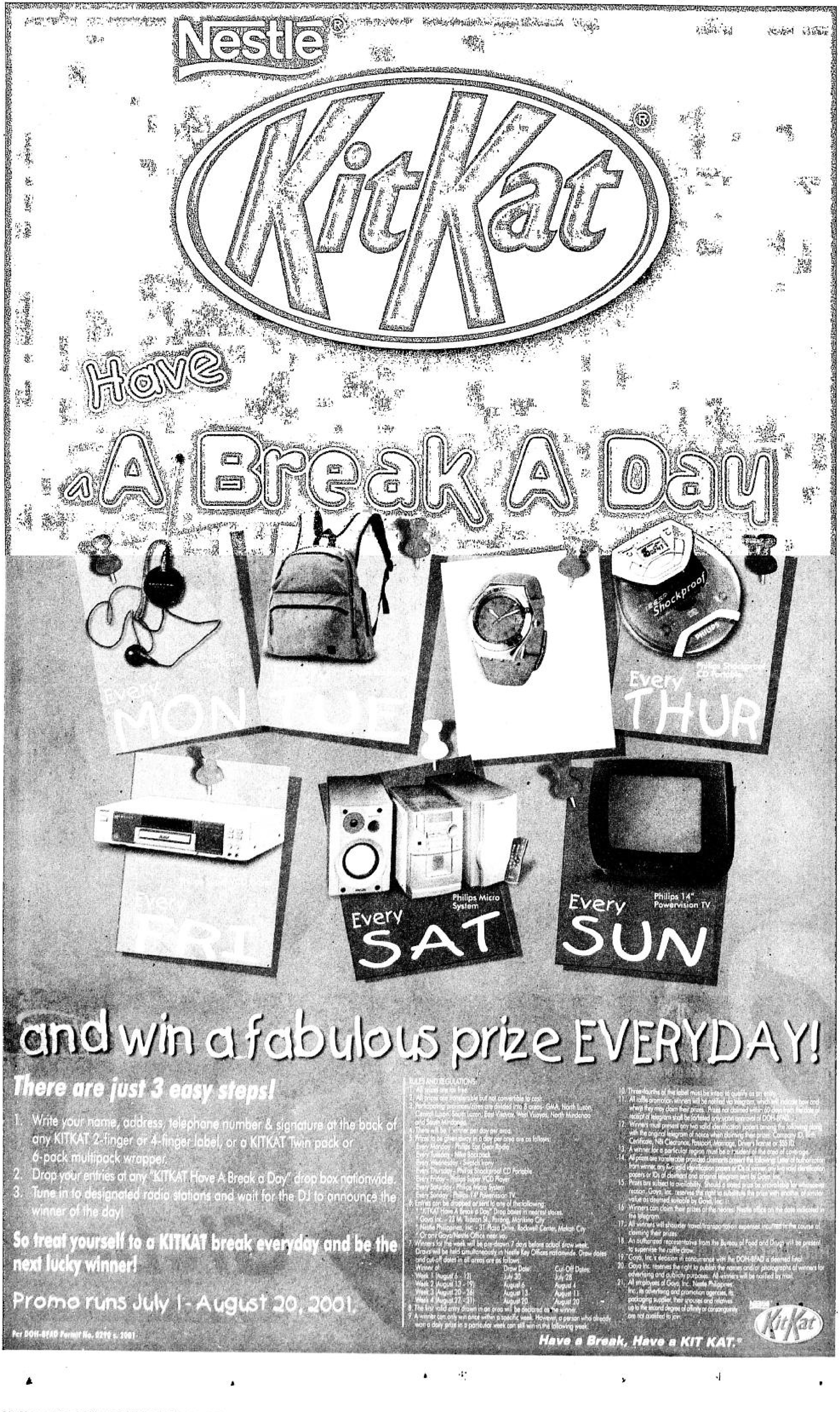

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Enjoying Gabriel

(From page C1)

I have, in fact, been a hands-on parent since the day my son Gabriel was diagnosed with autism. Not that I wasn't hands-on before that; we lived in America, the land of milk and expensive child care so my husband and I had no choice but to raise our children on our own.

By "hands-on" I mean I have prompted or pushed Gabriel every small step of the way so he could, at the very least, learn to verbalize his needs.

I fought for Gabriel to be placed in a regular class in Sacramento and, when we came home, it took me a year to find the right regular school for him. The teachers at the Montessori Filipino Child Research Center in Loyola Heights welcomed Gabriel with open arms, but they did not know what or how to teach him in the beginning. It was clear to me they needed help. And so I went back to the University of the Philippines and took up Special Education (Sped).

When you're studying to be a teacher, you take education courses where you are required to stand in front of a class and give a report. This is to prepare you for the day when you have to stand and deliver. If you're majoring in sped, you are expected to do a report on the characteristics, behavioral deficiencies and excesses, medical problems and social shortcomings of persons with disabilities. In one class you learn about children, in another about teenagers and in still another, adults.

I sat in classrooms where I listened to reports or lectures on what autistic children are like, what they cannot do, what they do that is not appropriate—negative things mostly that if you were not a stouthearted parent you'd give up the fight. In one class it was noted that parents of CWD grieved out of a sense of deep loss even though their autistic children were alive, and on another day, we were told siblings of CWD worried about how to tell their future in-laws about the disabled brother or sister.

As a parent, it bothered me that the students were getting the wrong impression that the situation was always dismal when the truth was that things got better as you learned to adjust and help your child. I longed for a course that would talk about positive things, like how to enjoy being with special children, how to value them for the immeasurable things that they can teach you and the joys that they can bring into your life.

And so when my chance came to talk before a group of people who had day-to-day exposure to children with disabilities, I made haste. That morning of my so-called keynote speech, I talked about enjoying Gabriel.

Favorite places

Whenever I can, I try to spend some stress-free time with Gabe. No demands, no expectations. An afternoon when we go where he wants to go and he does what he wants to do without me hurrying him up. I keep checking the impulse to lead him to a store where something attracts my eye or to stop him when he's communing with the floor pattern.

Most of the time we end up at his favorite places—National Bookstore, Power Books, the free library for children at Robinsons Galleria. He loves looking at books, smelling them, reading

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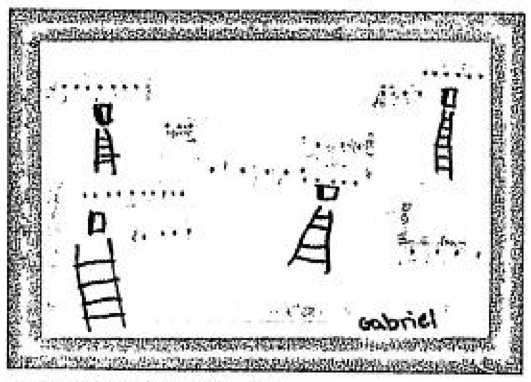

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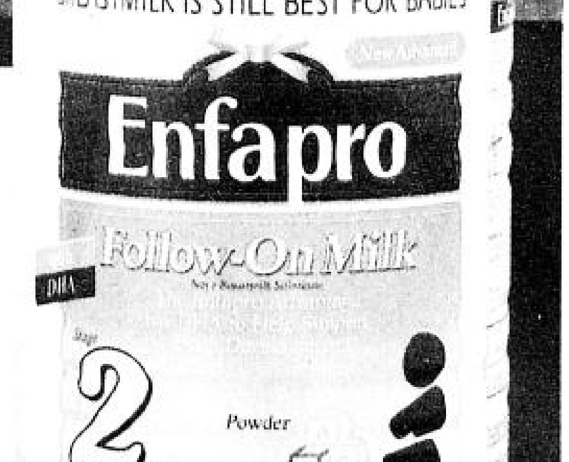

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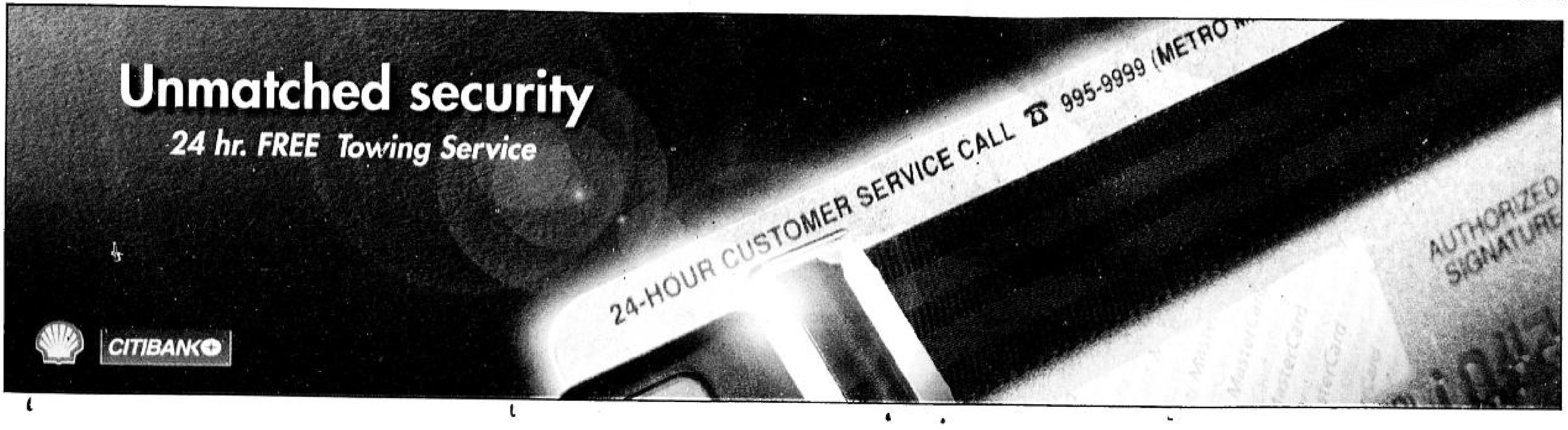

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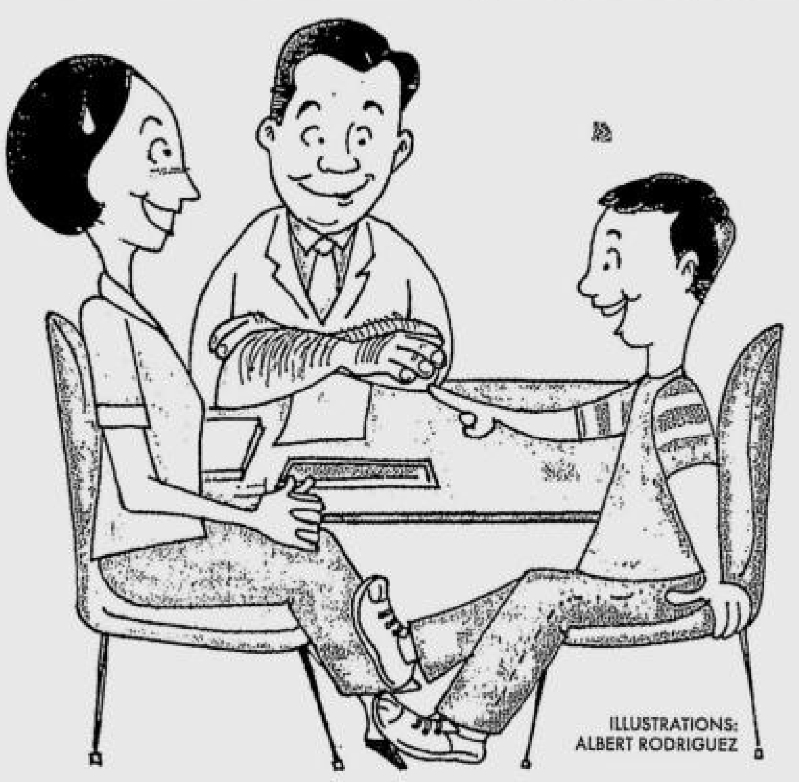

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them, or just holding them. If that is being autistic, then I guess I must be one, too. There is nothing like the smell of a new book, and the feel of it in your hands. I've always gotten a high from opening a fresh book on page one and reading the very first line, and I've observed the same in my two heirs.

Gabriel has a collection of Disney books and Disney videos. He's an authority on Walt Disney. He can name almost all the Walt Disney movies. He will tell you if it's a Disney Masterpiece, a Disney Classic, a Disney Sing-Along, etc. If there were a Disney Rip-off, he would know that, too, I'm sure. If he hears a piece of music, he can identify which Disney film it comes from.

In addition to Disney videos, he has an extensive collection of other videos. If he watches a movie once, he can tell you next time which production company was behind it. Was it Paramount, Touchstone, Warner Bros., Dreamworks, or Universal?

Now back to his fascination with Disney. We play games based on Disney fairy tales. I was in bed one time trying to get some sleep when he gave me a kiss. I kept my eyes closed.

"Sleeping Beauty didn't wake up, Dad," he said to his father.

"Well, are you the Prince?" asked Dad.

"Yes, I'm the Prince," he said.

Upon hearing that, I opened my eyes. "My Prince," I said with love in my eyes and voice.

Gabe smiled with the satisfaction of a prince who had just saved his princess. I closed my eyes again. He kissed me again. I opened my eyes.

"My Prince," I said again.

He shook his head and, trying to control his giggle, said, "I'm Samson, I'm the horse."

We all got a big kick out of that.

Lessons well learned

Like any kid, Gabe loves eating at the burger-and-fries places. I usually let him sit at a table where I can see him while buying our food at the counter.

There had been a few times when I'd carry our food to the table and I would notice the diners at the next table giggling and throwing furtive glances at my son.

"What did you do, Gabriel?" I would ask.

"No, don't tell her," he would say to the people at the next table, a worried look on his face. What would give him away would be the chewing.

It would turn out that he had picked some fries off the next table and started eating them. I'd apologize and the people would say it was no big deal, sounding sincere, but I still would go back to the counter and get another bag of fries for them.

I corrected this bad habit by telling Gabe that if he did it again, we would get out of McDonald's without eating. The next time we went into a McDonald's I reminded him about our deal and he couldn't resist the temptation so we got out of the place without eating. The next trip I reminded him again and this time, he didn't do it. I never had to remind him again—he had learned his lesson well.

One thing you can appreciate about persons with disabilities is their honesty, although Gabe can be brutal. I took him to a well-known pediatrician at Makati Med. This was our first visit because, despite his autism, Gabe is a healthy boy. He rarely gets sick, and when he does, it's usually just a cold. One time, the cold having turned into a bad cough, I took him to this doctor, a nice man about my age, which is young. He examined Gabe then led us to his desk. He was wearing the regulation white doctor's jacket. I noticed as he talked that he had unusually hairy arms. Now if I had noticed this, it was highly likely that Gabe did, too. I glanced at Gabe and caught him looking at the doctor's hands, then his arms.

"Doctor, you look like a monkey," he blurted out before I could kick his leg.

I was so embarrassed it took me a few minutes before I could start apologizing profusely. The doctor waved me away, "It's the body hair—it's perfectly all right."

It's dangerous to bump into a short adult person when you're with Gabe because he will not be able to contain himself. "Look, Mom, it's a dwarf!" He would say it out loud, too, and with genuine amusement at having just seen someone he had only read about in fairy tales. Well, one time we were at the mall and a group of midgets walked past us.

"Look, Mom," said Gabe excitedly, "it's the seven dwarfs!"

Then he realized there weren't seven and corrected himself. "One, two, three, four—only four dwarfs."

"Good counting," I said.

We took my mother to the doctor one time and as we sat in the clinic waiting for her to come out of the consultation room, two nuns walked in.

"The Singing Nuns!" exclaimed Gabe.

"That's right," they replied in unison with amusement.

Gabe smiled, looked at me and said, "Mom, they're the Singing Nuns." To them he said, "This is my mom."

Cinematic lines

It is hard to be solemn in church when Gabe is with you. "Look, Mom, it's Dolly Parton," he said pointing at a lady with big hair and big you-know-what. "It's Michael Jackson," he said another time, pointing at a lanky African-American boy with gelled wavy hair that did look like Michael's.

Once a rather overweight young lady sat in the pew before ours. The extra fat was more obvious in her buttocks. Well, Gabe has always been too fast for me. He pinched her there. She looked back. First person she saw was my husband, and what else would she think? Both my husband and I said we were sorry for what our boy did, and we told Gabe to apologize. "Sorry," he said in his best behavior, and at that the girl smiled and turned away. "Sorry, chubby," added Gabe. More apologies from us.

Actually, that was a line from the Disney film "The Great Mouse Detective." But you have to hand it to Gabe that he has timing. His choice of movie lines moreover was uncanny.

I was in the bathroom one time when he knocked on the door with some urgency.

I immediately opened the door.

"Mom," he said, "can you make me a woman?"

"What?"

"It's Daniel in 'Mrs. Doubtfire'. He said can you make me a woman."

He was referring to Robin Williams' movie where Williams had knocked on his gay brother's door and asked to be made into a woman so he could work as a nanny to his kids after the divorce. I told Gabe that it was not appropriate to say that.

He sure remembered that. He was in the shower the next day. I had to go to work so I told him to open the door so I could kiss him goodbye.

"Bye, Gabe," I said, giving him a peck.

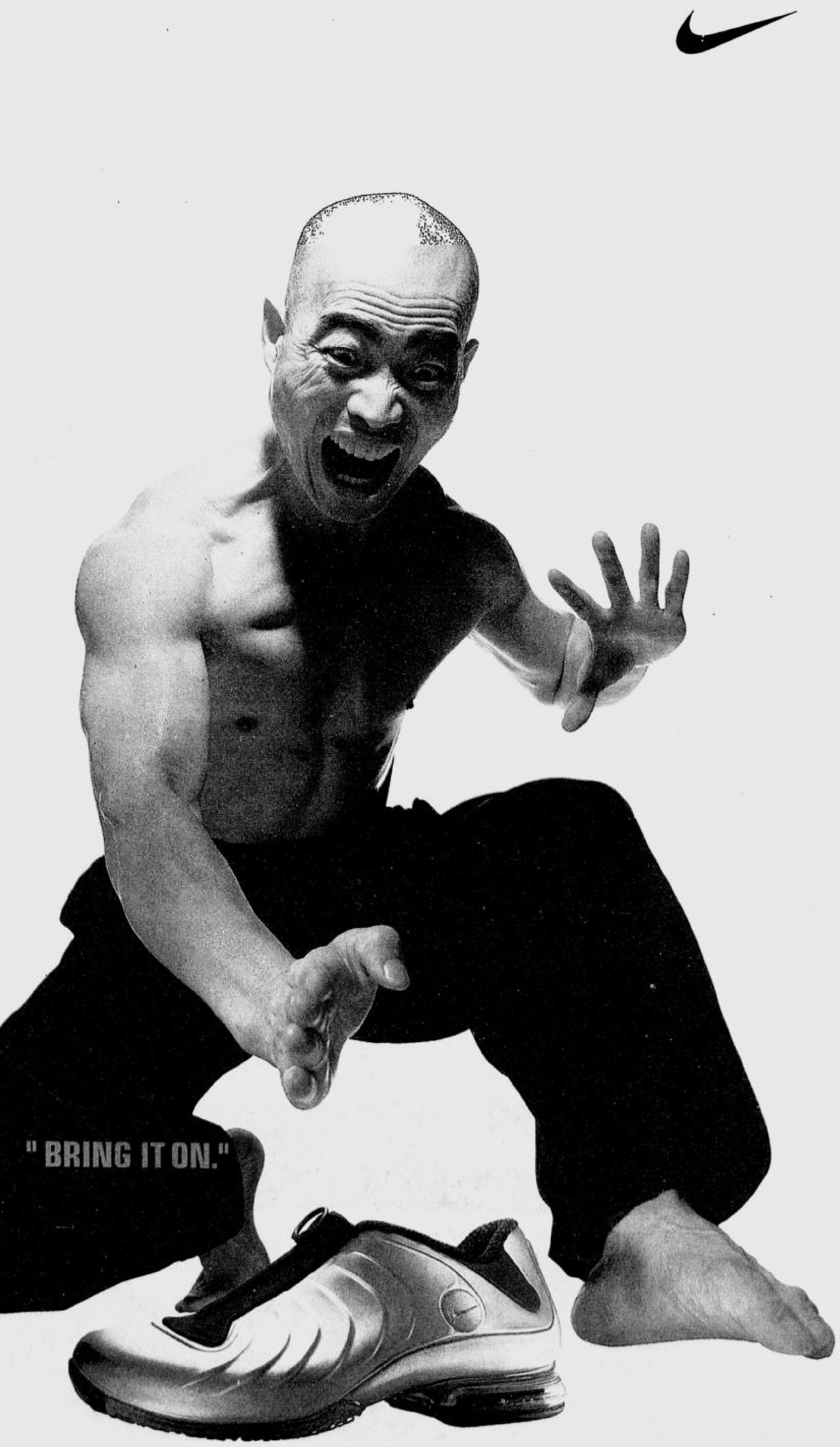
"Mom, can you make me a man?"

I had told him it was not appropriate to say "can you make me a woman," and he thought it was the last word there that was the problem so he changed it to what applied to him. My boy had no inkling about the possible repercussions for a boy to say "make me a man" to a woman.

I took him to hair salon here for the first time and, of course, the hair expert was gay. My son took one look at him and asked, "Are you a man or a woman?" I waited for the answer. "I'm a man," said the guy with the scissors. Good answer. I think that's what Gabe suspected all along, that this was actually a man even though he had the ways of a woman.

Feelings

Upon our return here, we applied with the Bureau of Immigration so the kids would be recognized as Filipino citizens when they're in the country. There was a lot of paperwork involved so we made three trips to the bureau. On the third trip, the agency required three ID photos of each child. We took them to a Photo-me booth on the ground floor. My daughter went first. Then it was Gabe's turn. "Sit up straight, look at the mirror and smile. That's all you need to do, Gabe," his dad said.



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We heard three clicks and then we told Gabe to come out. In a few minutes, the booth clerk got the printouts and went to her counter to cut them up.

"Oh, no!" my daughter said, horrified.

"What? Why?" we asked.

"*Basta*, just look at his photos."

When the clerk handed us the photos, she tried to keep from laughing. We looked at Gabe's photos. In one, he was sad, like crying. In another, he was a surprised boy. In the last one, he looked terrified.

When we finally submitted the forms with the photos, the immigration clerk only needed two copies. We got to keep the photo of a sad Gabriel and somewhere in Immigration today are photos of Gabe surprised and Gabe scared.

Whenever we recount that story, we all get a good laugh. And Gabe laughs with us. His teachers have always said he has a great sense of humor. He likes movies that are funny. That's why he's such a big fan of Robin Williams, Jim Carey, Billy Crystal, Eddie Murphy and Michael J. Fox.

He knows how to tease people.

"Nanay, we're going back to Sacramento," he told his grandmother once. "No, no, no," my mom said, "Don't go." And she pretends to cry. Gabriel bursts into laughter.

"Don't cry, Nanay. I won't go," he said.

The next Sunday when all my brothers and sisters and their children came to visit, he announced, "Hey, everybody, we're going back to Sacramento."

As if on cue, everybody whimpers and whines, "No, don't go, Gabe, stay." He loved that.

He must think we are the easiest parents to please, and that may be true. From the time he was diagnosed, we have learned to take delight in every small progress he makes—the colors he uses in his artwork, every new word he utters, every discovery that amazes him.

All these stories point to a thought process, something that psychologists said would be lacking in my son. Putting two and two together was going to be too difficult for him, they said. Applying one situation to another, or what we called generalization, would be almost impossible, they also said. Well, they're wrong. Gabe looked at the hair on the doctor's hands and thought of a monkey. I told him it wasn't right to ask me to make him a woman so he asked me to make him a man, which is what he's going to be one day soon.

He knows how to ask for information—are you a man or a woman?—and how to confirm his suspicions. He has more of a sense of humor than doctors and psychologists and all kinds of experts would expect of a boy with special needs.

"Children are adept at becoming what we expect them to be." I can't remember which grossly overpaid psychologist said that but I have to agree. Gabriel is our Exhibit A.

If love could cure him, he would have been cured by now. But he needs more than that. I think we made the right decision placing him in a regular classroom where he has felt at home.

At his Montessori school, it's no big deal that he sometimes talks to himself. He has moved with his classmates from grade to grade, and now he's in second year high school. He's doing the work at *his* level, which is somewhere between fourth grade and nirvana.

Maybe Gabriel is not learning about chromosomes or iambic pentameters but he is picking up a lot about friendship, about getting along, about having fun, about coping, about life. If these kids can give one another the gift of laughter, that's good enough for me. I'll take that anytime.

The week of July 16 to July 22 is National Disability Prevention Week.

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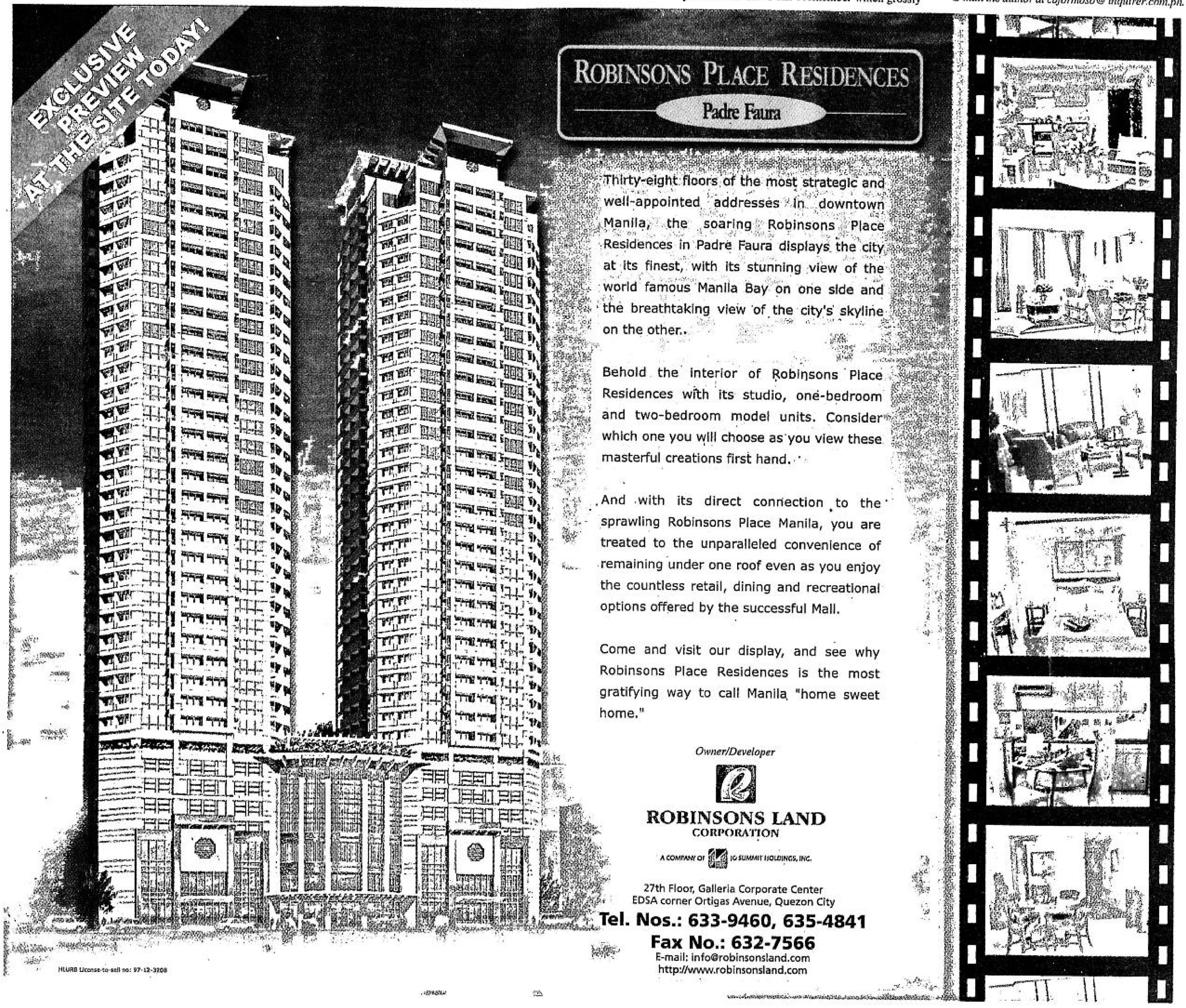

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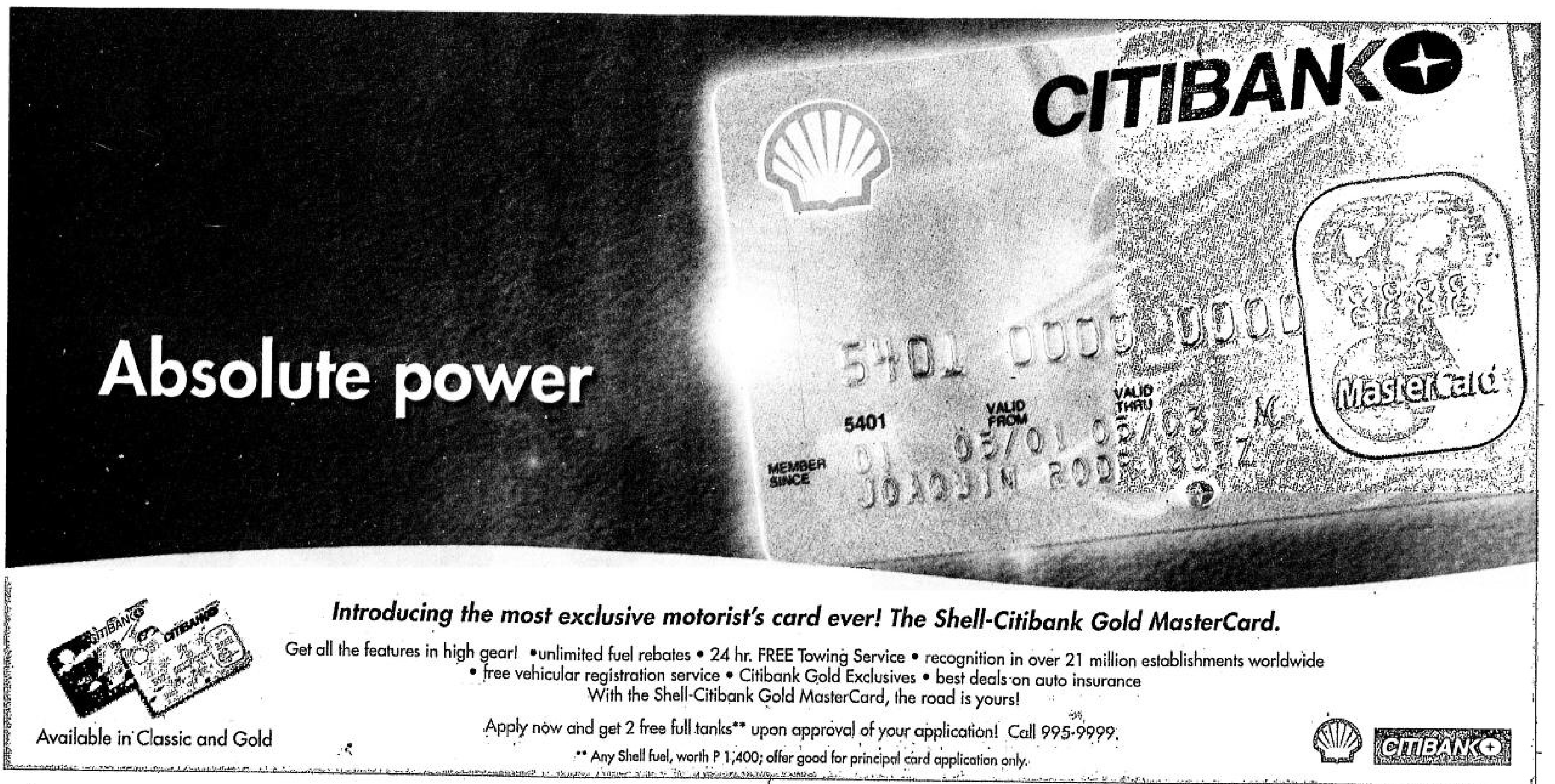

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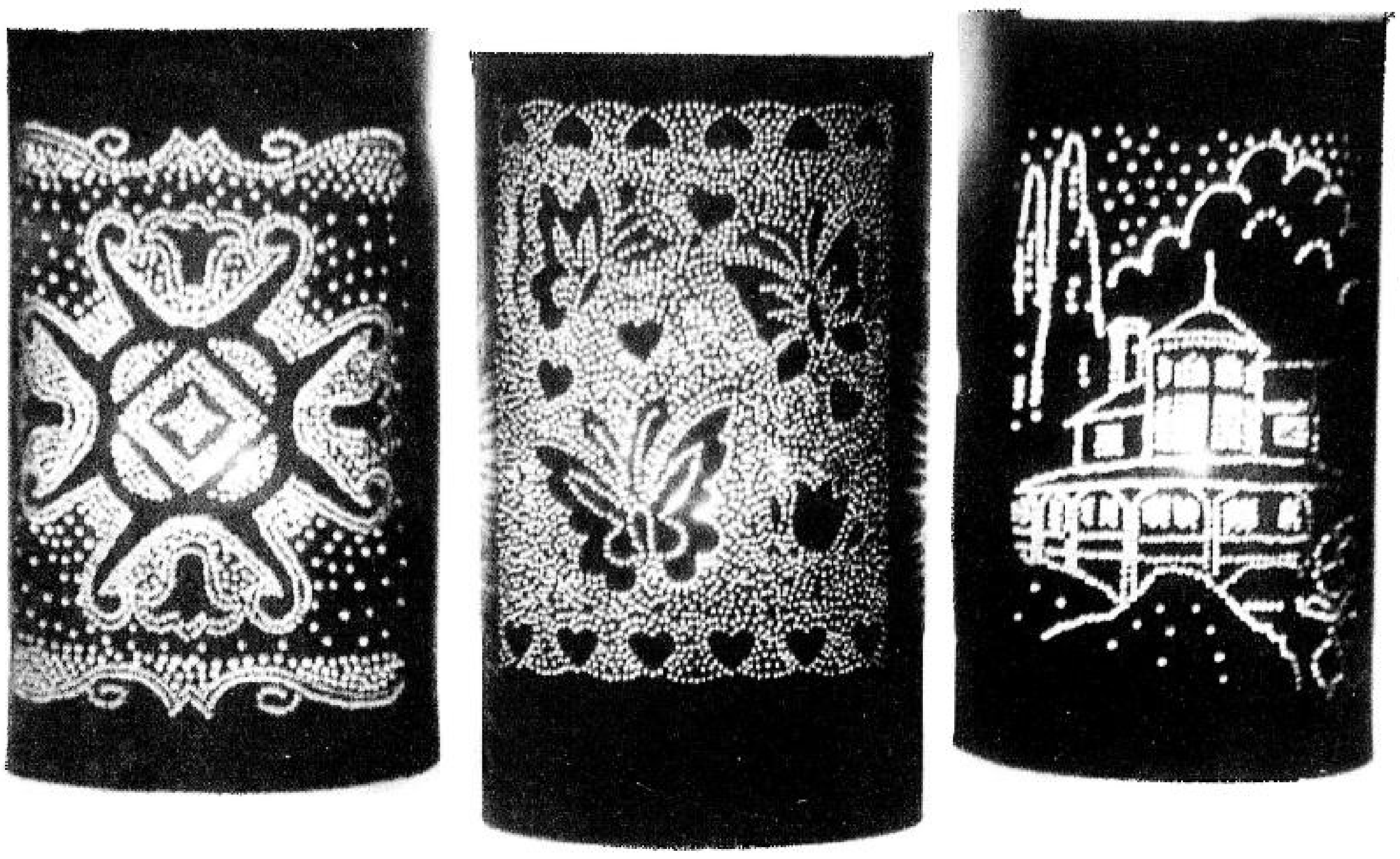

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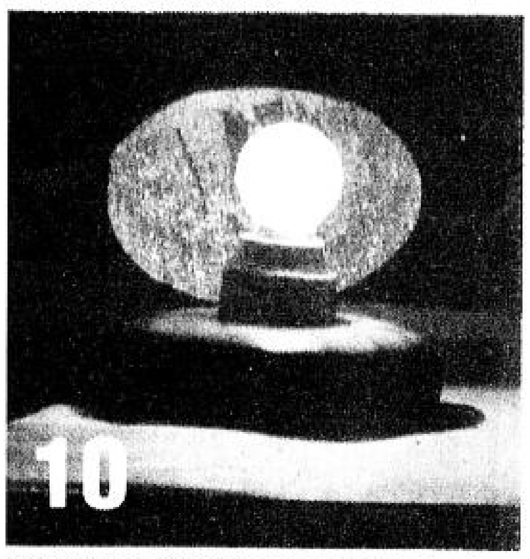

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INSERT the perforated paper onto the lamp base. You may adjust the position of the design to fit the lamp. The design, however, should always be on the side without the prism.

Make a lampshade to suit the occasion

Illuminate your little corner and see the mood of the whole place enhanced

By Vangie Baga-Reyes
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LIGHT is excellent for enhancing the mood. The right kind of light can lend a soft, gentle character to any room. So why not illuminate your favorite section of the house by making your own perforated paper lampshade in whatever design you fancy?

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This handcrafted lampshade also gives a very feminine accent to wherever you decide to put it. "Borrowing the idea from paper pricking techniques, the perforated lamps allow the hobbyist to make his own designs," says Ester Gallardo-Tolentino of Craft World (tel. 634-5882). With Craft World owner Zeny Perez, Tolentino regularly gives different craft workshops at Robinsons Galleria.

Easy-to-follow

Basic tools and materials for making perforated paper lampshade include white or colored cardboard (P25), double adhesive tape or Scotch tape (P40) and prism paper available at any leading book store and craft shops. The prism gives the glow to the lampshade.

You can use needles, pins or any sharp, pointed object to prick the paper. But if you are planning to make this a serious endeavor, you can buy a specialized pricking tool at Craft World in Robinsons Galleria for P150. You will also need a pricking pad made of rubber. Otherwise, you can use a pile of newspapers or any thick cardboard box as pricking pad.

You can get designs from coloring books, magazines, wallpapers or gift wrappers. Designs may vary depending on the occasion — hearts for Valentine's Day, lanterns or angels for Christmas or cartoon characters for birthdays. If you find a design you like, have it photo copied (reduced or enlarged) and attach it to the cardboard.

Lamp bases and light bulbs are available from your neighborhood hardware stores for P100-200.

But if you want to go to just one place for all the materials you need, you can go to Craft World for the perforated paper lamp kit.

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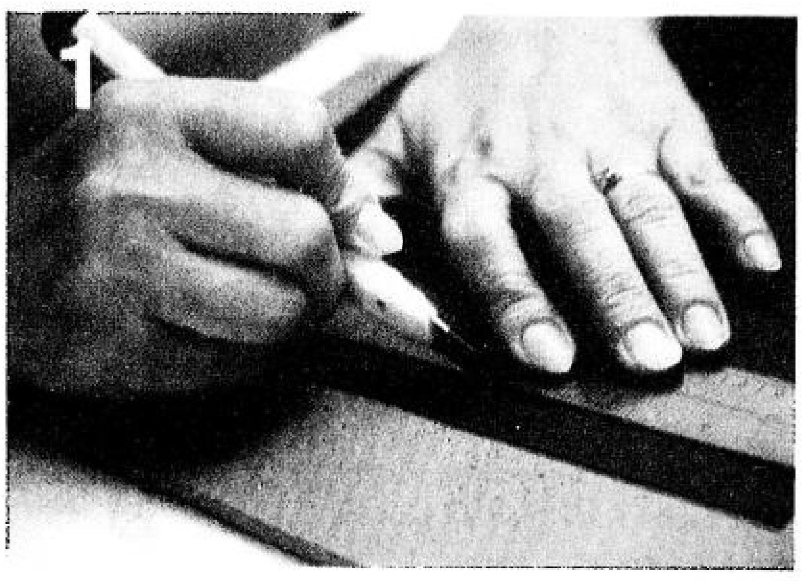

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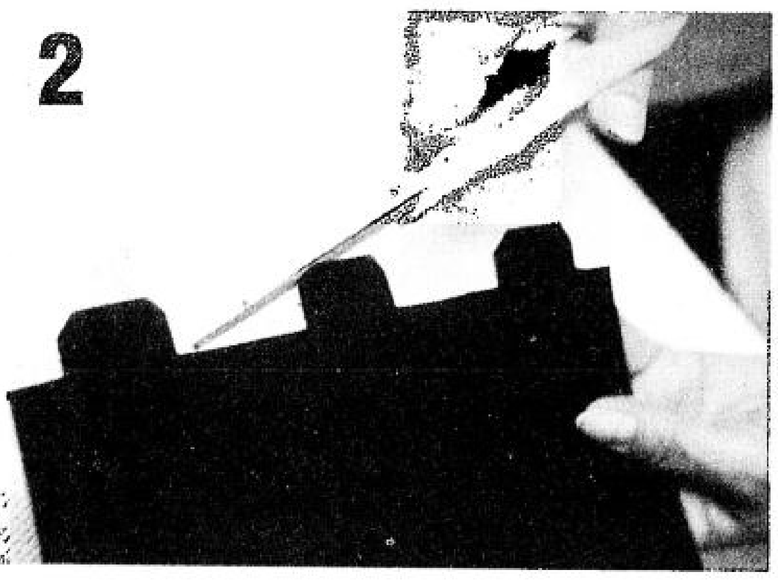
MEASURE and cut cardboard to desired size. Recommended circumference of the lamp is 8 inches and 0 inches for height.



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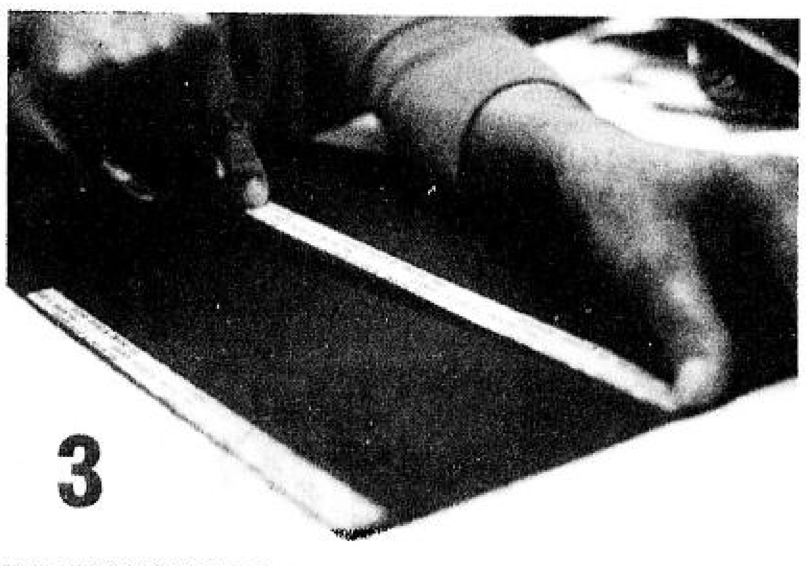
SNIP off the edge of one side of the cardboard and cut holes on the other end.



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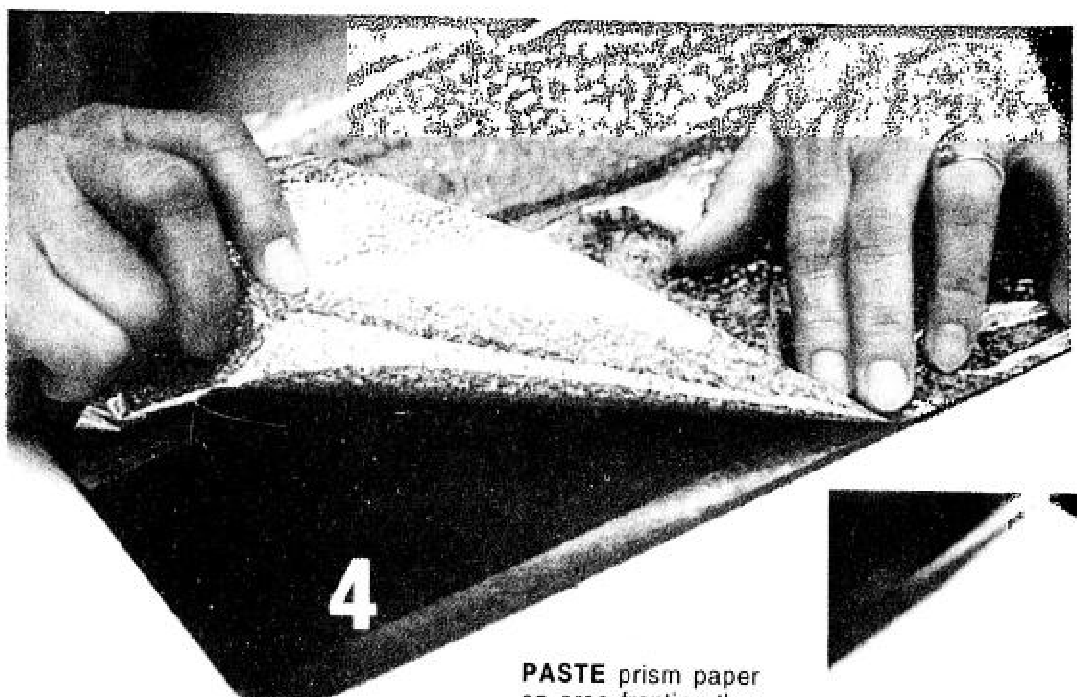
PUT a double adhesive tape on one side of the cardboard for the prism paper.



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PASTE prism paper on area fronting the design (back side).

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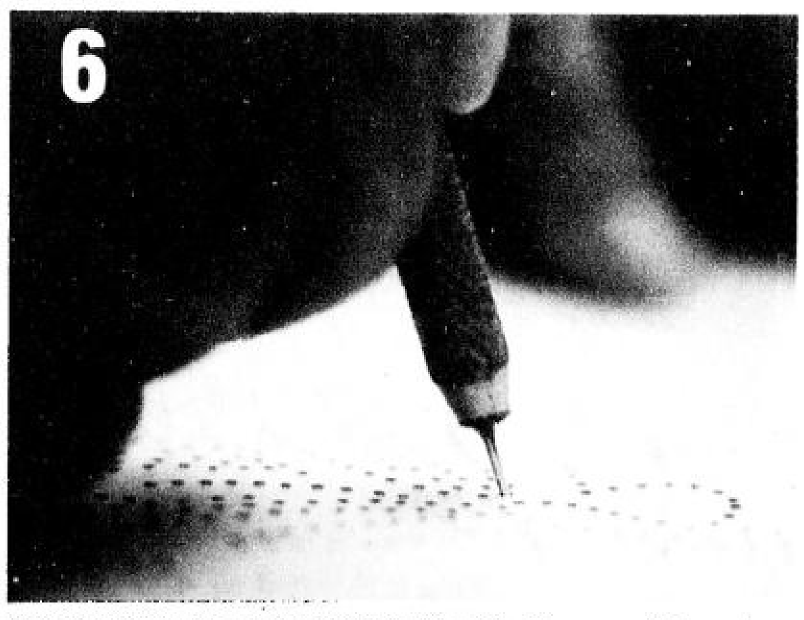
ON THE OTHER side, secure the position of the design pattern with a small piece of scotch tape. The pattern should be placed 2 inches away from the flap of the board and 2 inches from the bottom of the board.



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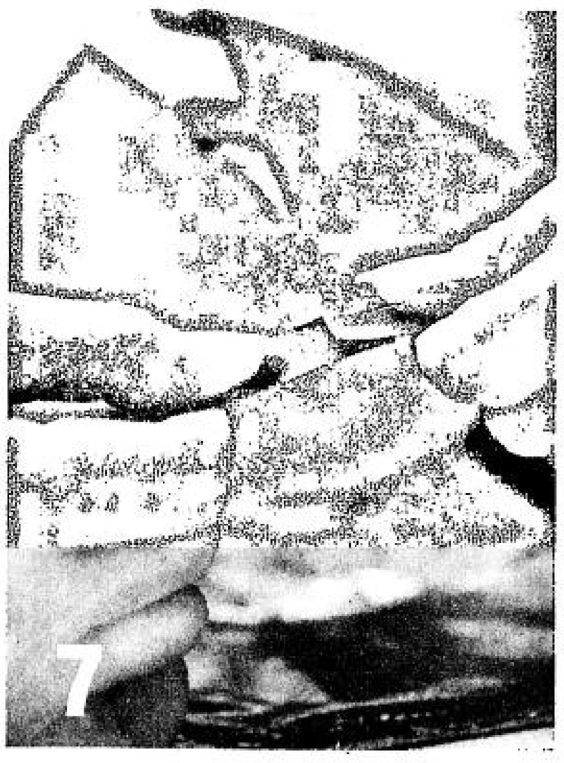
START pricking the design following the dots. You can start anywhere you want.



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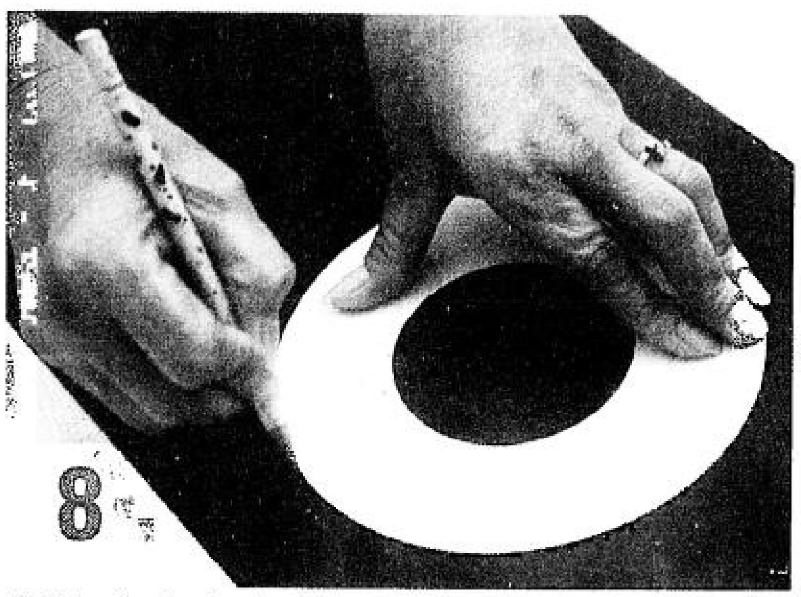
WHEN the perforation is finished, remove the pattern and assemble the lampshade. Roll cardboard to form a circle that will fit the size of the lamp base.



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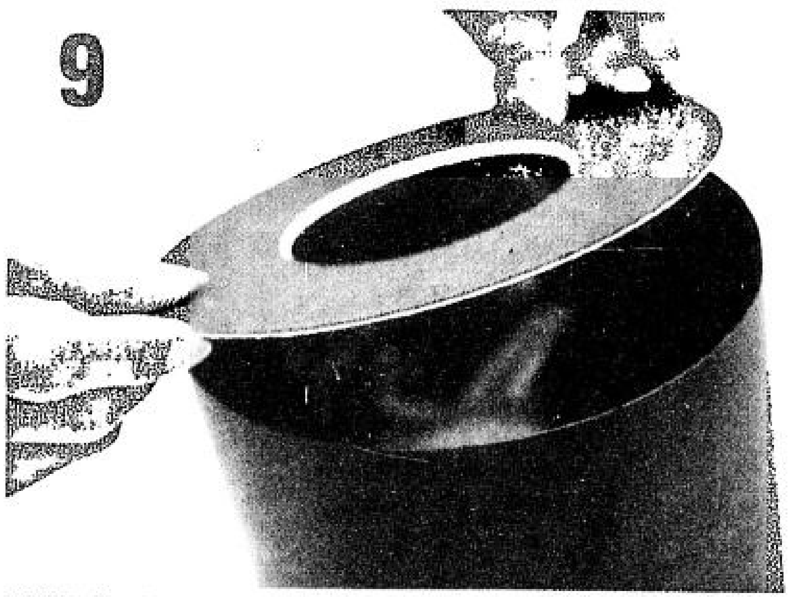
MAKE a ring for the lamp.



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GLUE the ring on top of the lampshade.

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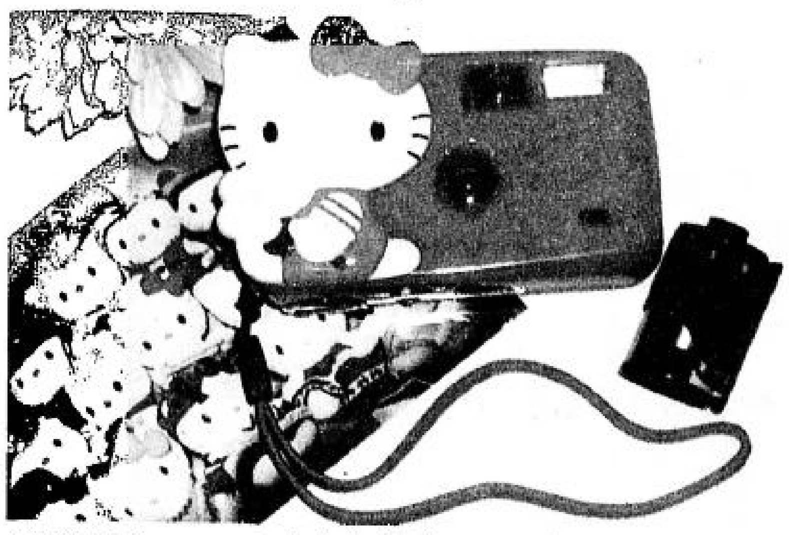
Gift Gate's silver anniversary has been made even more memorable with the inclusion of two Filipinos, Tim Yap and Rissa Samson, in Benetton's international photo shoot in New York City.

BENETTON'S new faces



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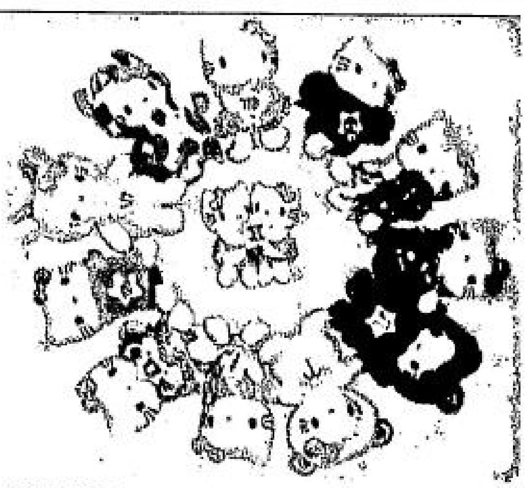

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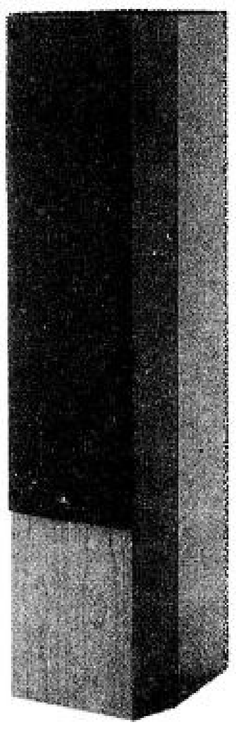

JBL products' do not only sound good, they are also designed to enhance the look of a home.

The new exclusive JBL local distributor, Beyond Innovations Inc., is relaunching the brand in the Philippines. They have an exciting selection of new products and models, bundling speakers, subwoofers and amplifiers.

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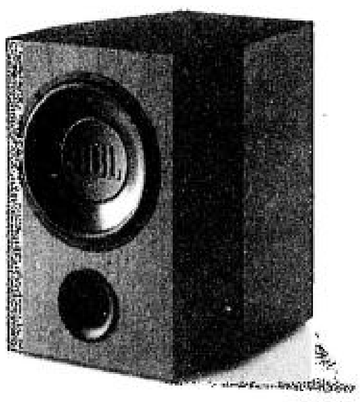

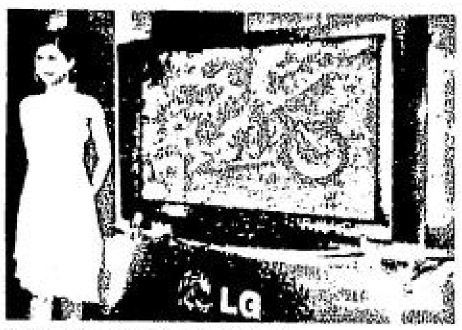

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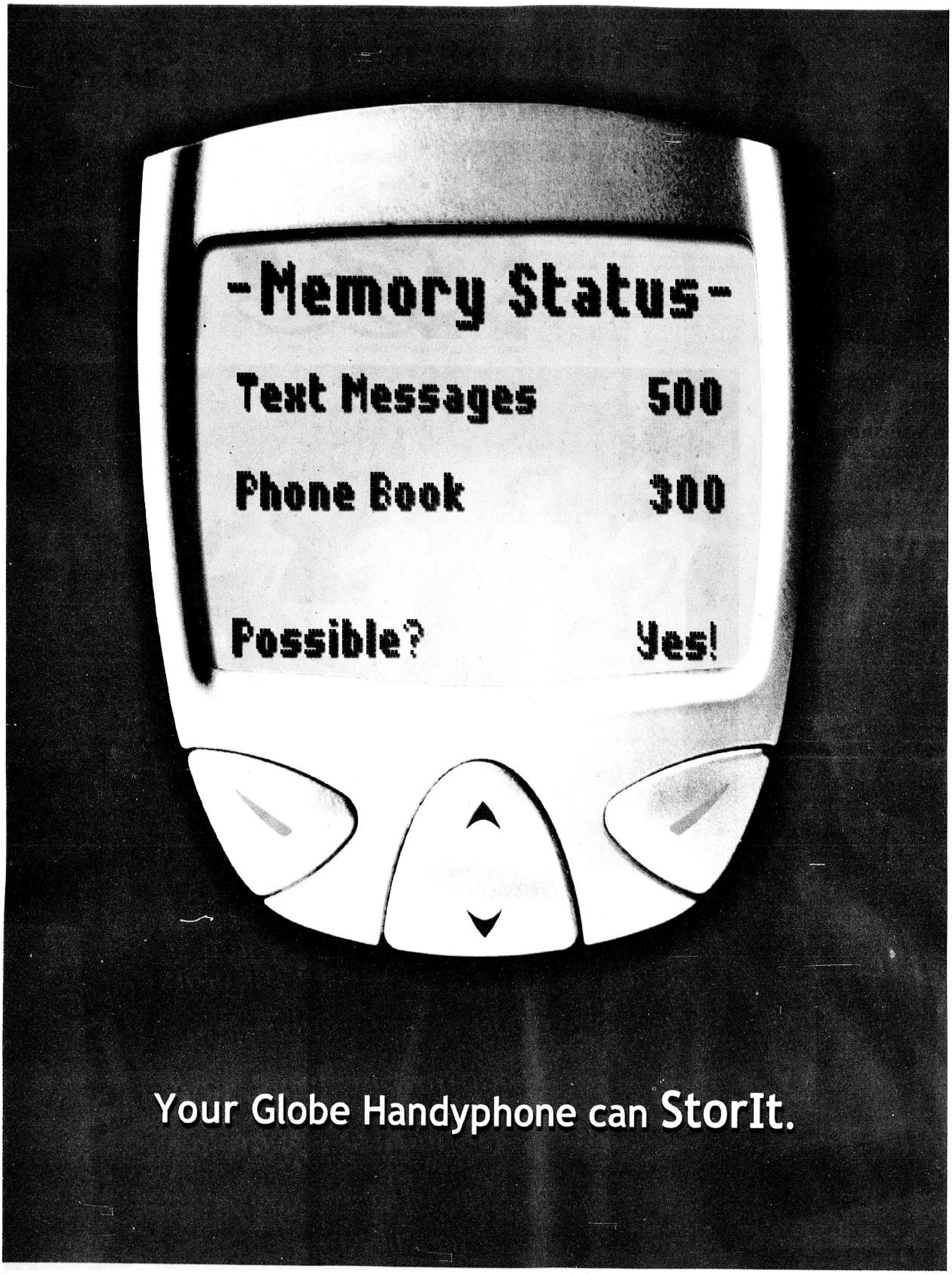
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

So you want to be in the spotlight?

RED lobby leads to a world of music and fun.

By Constantino C. Tejero

YOU don't have to be a star on Broadway to get a standing ovation. Or hold a concert to get an SRO crowd. Here, you're always in the spotlight!"

Nothing flatters one's vanity or massages one's ego better than those lines from a flyer of a karaoke-television club, particularly if one is a Madonna or Lea Salonga wannabe.

When Trebel president Roberto del Rosario invented the sing-along system in the late 1970s, he intended to use it for his music school. At the very least, it was meant to be a home and family affair, that is, it should be confined to one's living room. No one foresaw the practice of "microphone-singing" would go public.

Then the Japanese picked up the Filipino invention and popularized it as the *karaoke* ("to sing without accompaniment"). And soon almost every gathering had a one-man band, also known as the minus-one player.

KTV bars started sprouting all over the place like, well, shiitake mushrooms. The most popular in Makati in the mid-'90s was the 21-room Music Plaza 21 on Jupiter Street, which is still as popular as ever.

Some social observers believed it was just a trend that would soon go the way of the hot *pan de sal*. And, indeed, many such bars closed down after a few months of operation. A well-known example was Canary, which has since given way to Hard Rock Café at the Glorietta.

Songs and laughter

One that has stood its ground since it opened in 1998 is IO Family KTV, located on the third and fourth floors of Jupiter Place Building, Jupiter Street, Makati City (tel. 895-5940 to -41).

After three years, the place is still going strong, says its general manager Edwin Reyes. In fact, despite the national crises last year, both political and economic, business reached a peak

These days, Reyes adds, occupancy of the club's 70 rooms is 85 percent on weekdays and 120-150 percent on weekends (mostly families and *barkadas*). The place is open 5 p.m.-4 a.m. on weekdays, and until 3 a.m. on Sunday.

Rooms vary from small to medium, large to VIP. Charge for a room for 4-6 persons is P360 per hour, while a VIP room for 35 is P2,400. Rates are slightly higher on Friday. Special group rates are offered Sunday-Tuesday all night long, or 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

Each room has a state-of-the-art computerized song-selection program. The *barkada*, the sweethearts, the parents, the grannies, the kiddies can have their fill of song and laughter here. And they can even dance.

Over 18,000 songs are offered, from the *baduy* to the techno, from the tender to the rambunctious, in English, Japanese, Spanish, Tagalog, even in the regional languages and dialects. We just haven't discovered if they carry Eminem.

Circular arrangement

The name was taken from Io, one of Jupiter's moons. Reyes explains it was because during its planning stage in 1997 there was a trend toward cosmic or planetary motifs in society and the media.

The sleek interior was done by award-winning Hong Kong-based interior designer Joseph Sy. The color scheme carries nine hues, with red for the lobby, blue and mint for the third floor, and three sections of the fourth floor done in yellow, orange and pink.

The arrangement of the rooms is circular, almost labyrinthine. "That's to maximize space, as they do in Hong Kong," Reyes says.

So, if you feel you've imbibed one bottle too many, you better memorize your room number or color before going out to the comfort room. Otherwise, when you return, you'll get addled and go in circles, as in a maze.

The door has a clear-crystal panel from top to bottom, though, so you can look through and see if

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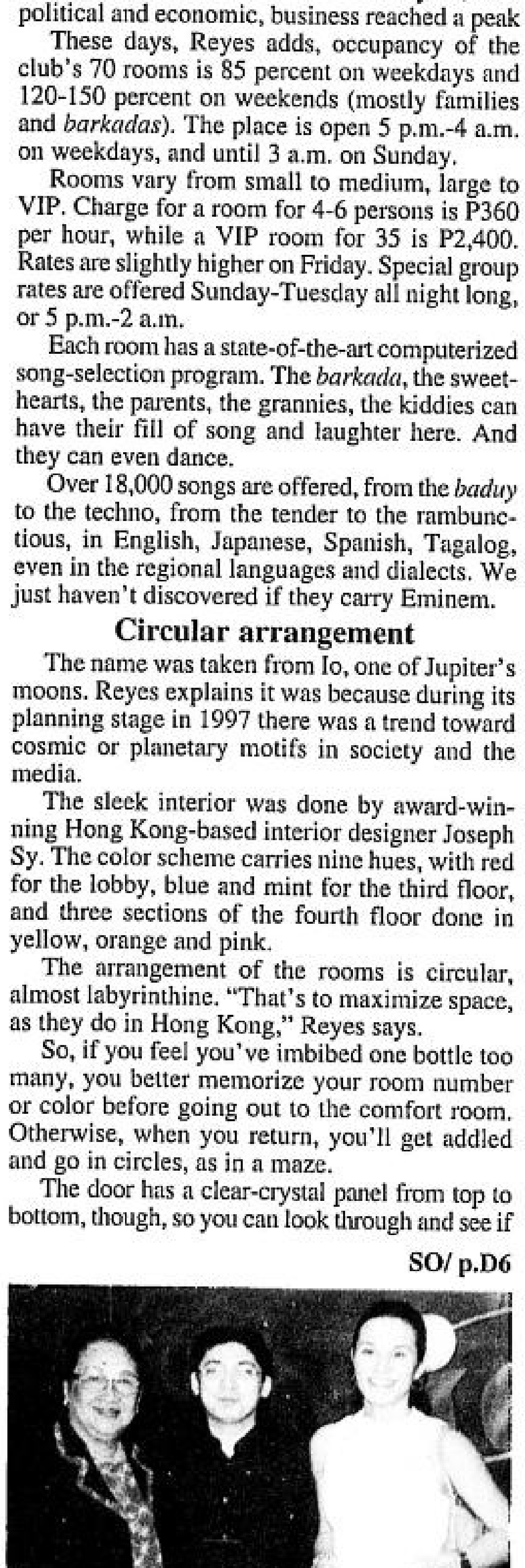

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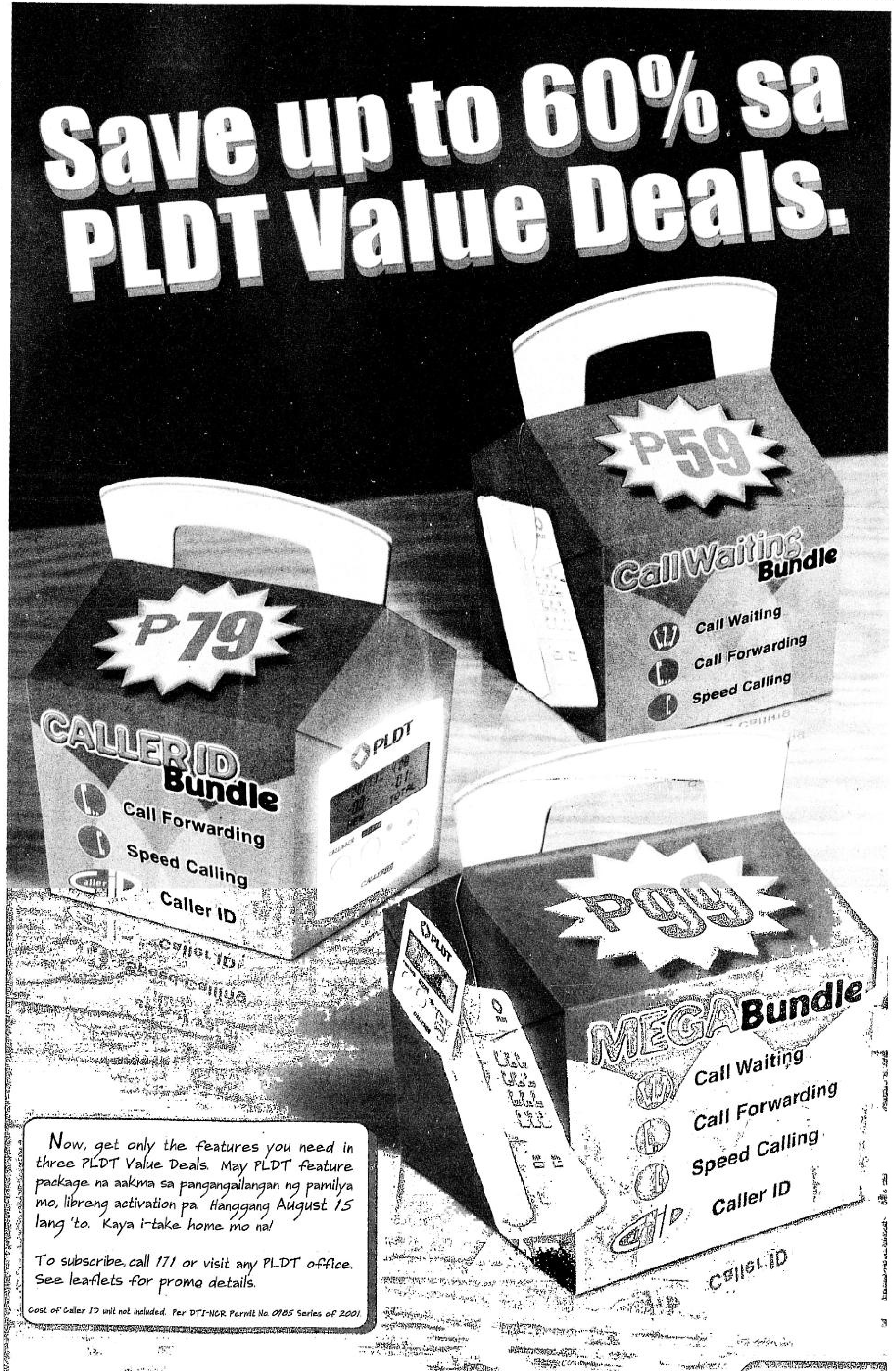

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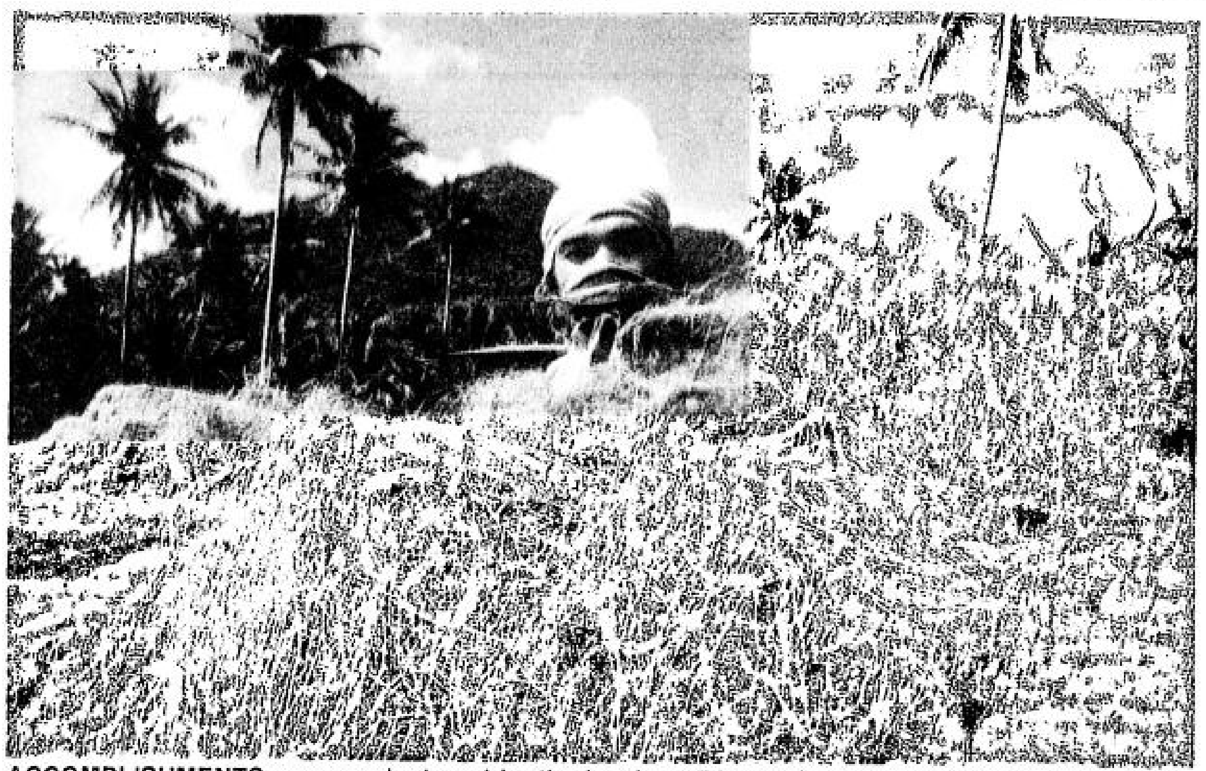

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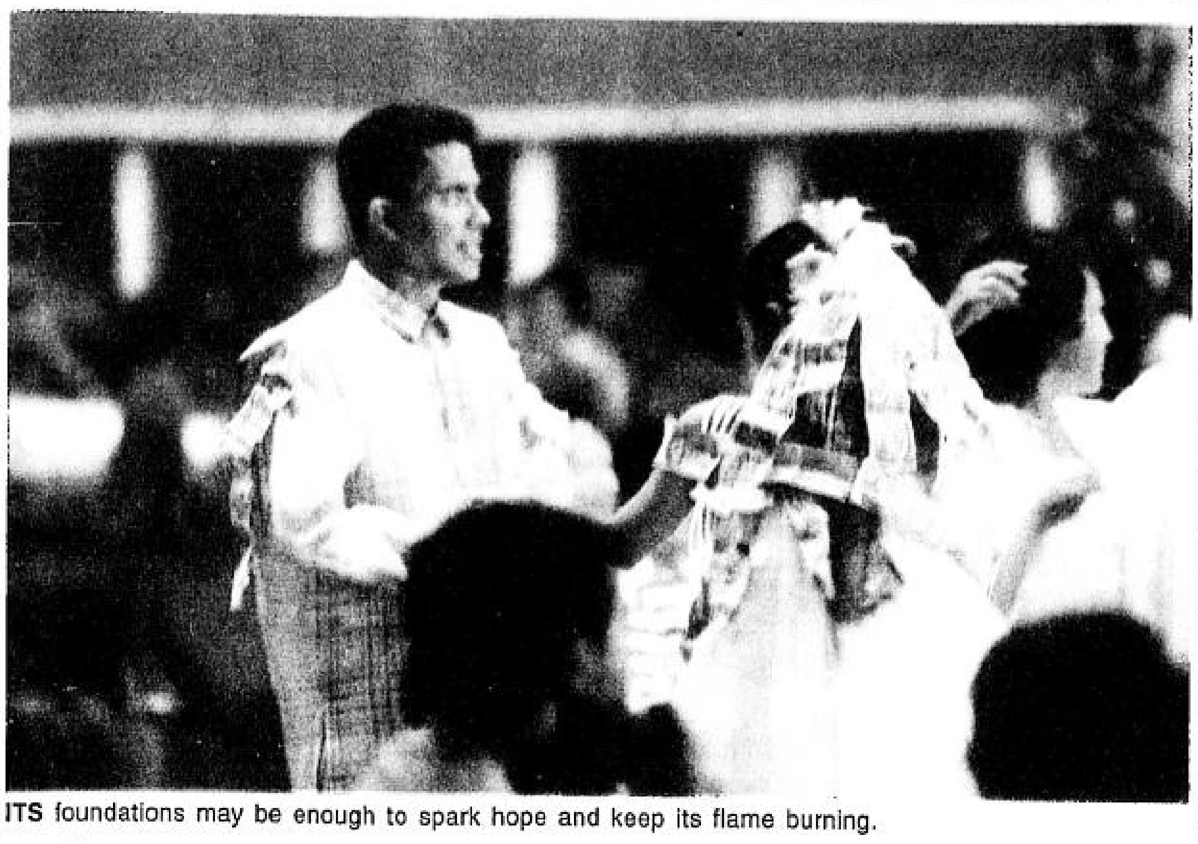

ITS foundations may be enough to spark hope and keep its flame burning.

Exhibit shows land ownership does not end farmers' woes

A COLLECTION of moving color photographs, "Uma: Photographs of Rural Communities," will be moving from the Penguin Cafe Gallery in Malate to the PRRM Gallery in Quezon City tomorrow, where it will be on display until July 21.

REAPS Foundation tapped a group of photographers to document selected agrarian reform communities—its people, their lives, their work and their culture to enhance the consciousness and participation of the public in rural development.

Inspired by the US Farm Security Administration's deployment of photographers in the 1930s to document rural America in aid of policy reforms, REAPS, a non-governmental organization, commissioned photographers Mike Alquinto, Raymond Panaligan, Gil Nartea and Nico Sepe.

The photographers tried to represent the agrarian reform communities' visions and dreams, "farming villages turned into centers of sustainable economic activity and growth, generating development that will radiate among neighboring communities."

The exhibit text, in explaining the show, says, "Land is the pillar that props up the farmer's dream of a good life. This dream has spanned generations, has spawned intense struggles for equity, and has generated a number of possible solutions that eventually receded into oblivion."

The photographs show that "sometimes deliveries of services seem to be short of expectations, and accomplishments are overshadowed by the harsh realities and palpable miseries that surround people's lives. Dilapidated shacks, weather-beaten and sad faces, hunched backs, callused hands and feet, and worn-out clothes show that the good life remains a dream for the Filipino farmer.

"The present generation and the next may not see this dream fulfilled, but they see its foundations being laid in the ARCs. That may be enough to spark hope and keep its flame burning."

From the PRRM Gallery, the exhibit will move to UP Los Baños, July 23-29, and to Blind Tiger Sports Bar in Quezon City, Oct. 20-Nov. 16.

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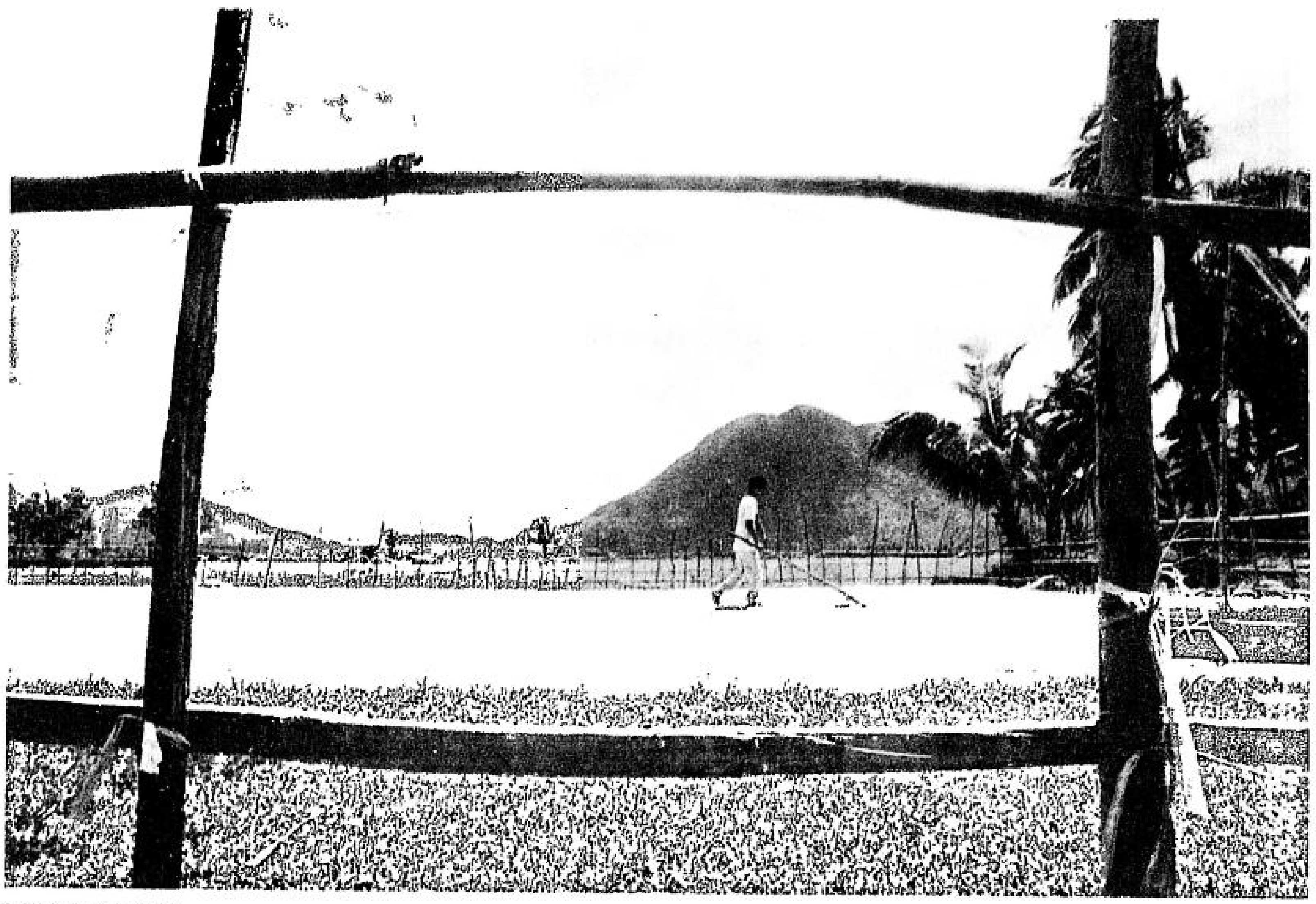

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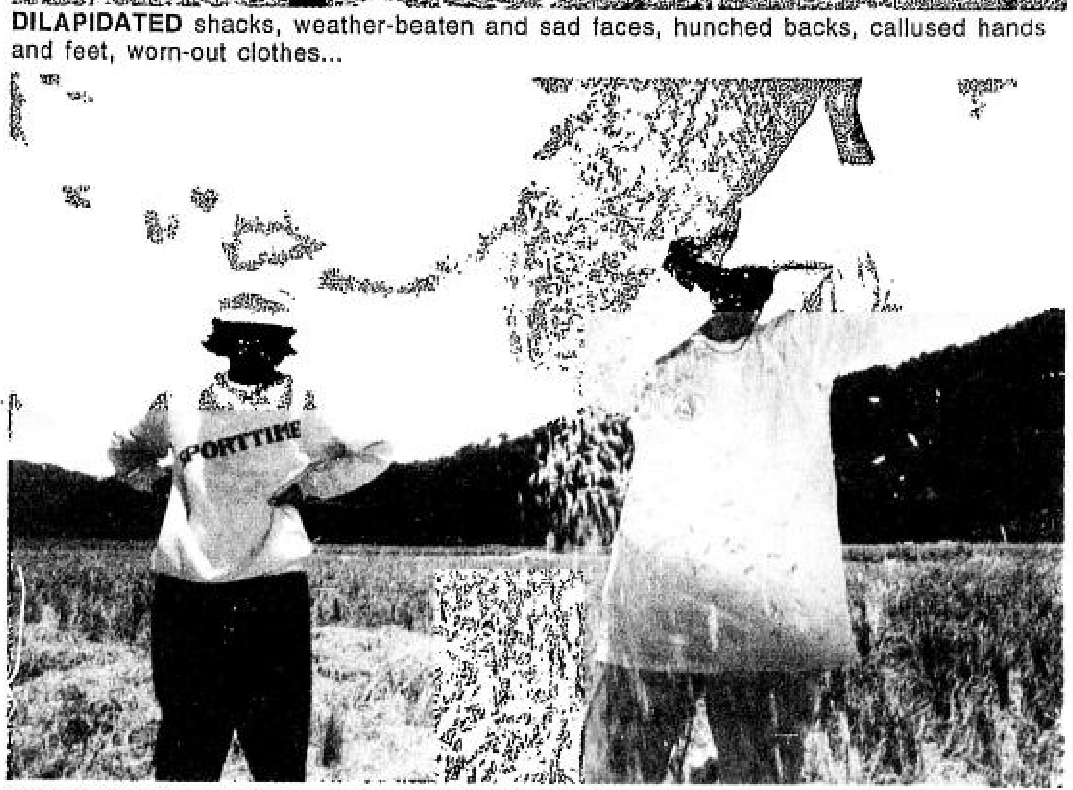

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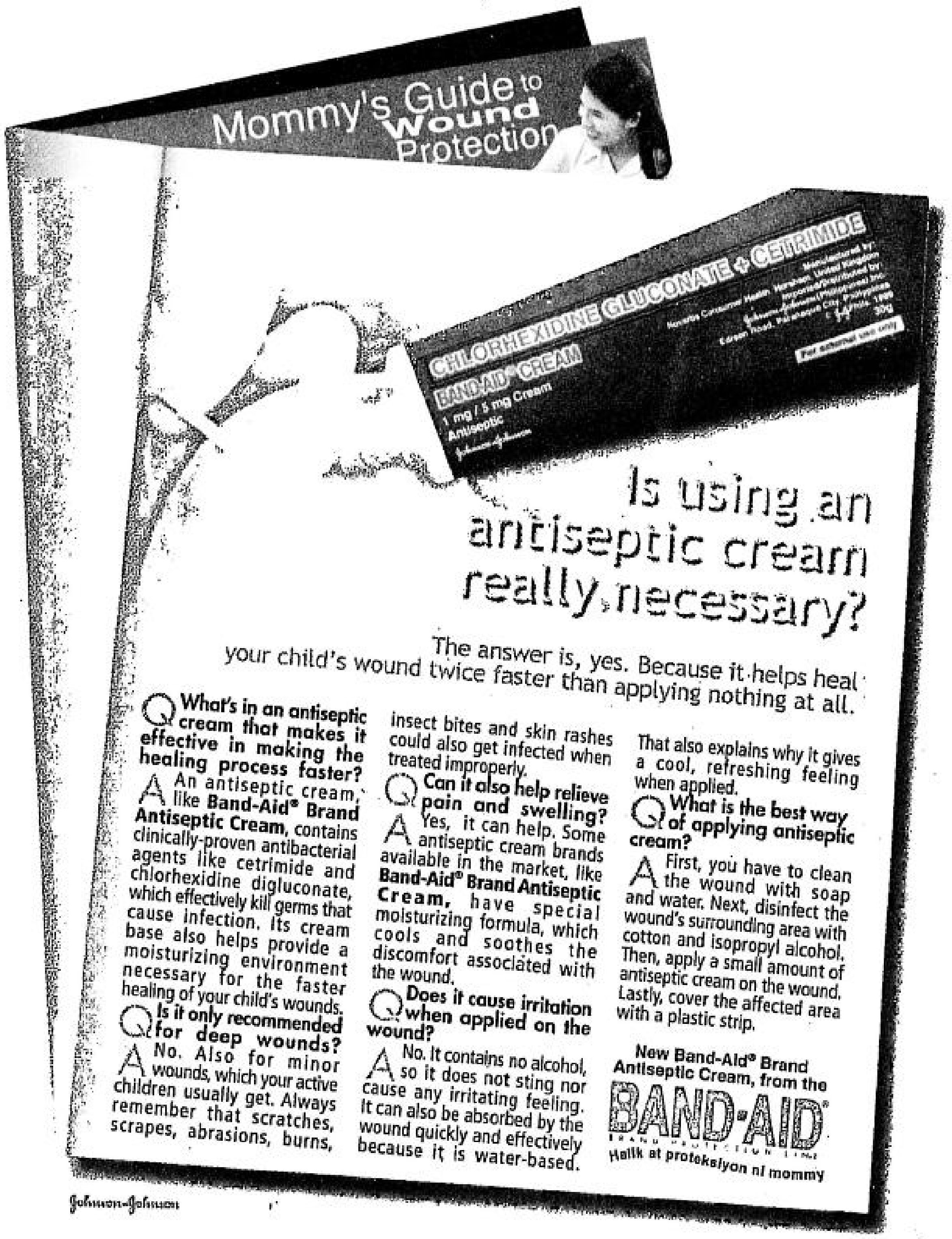
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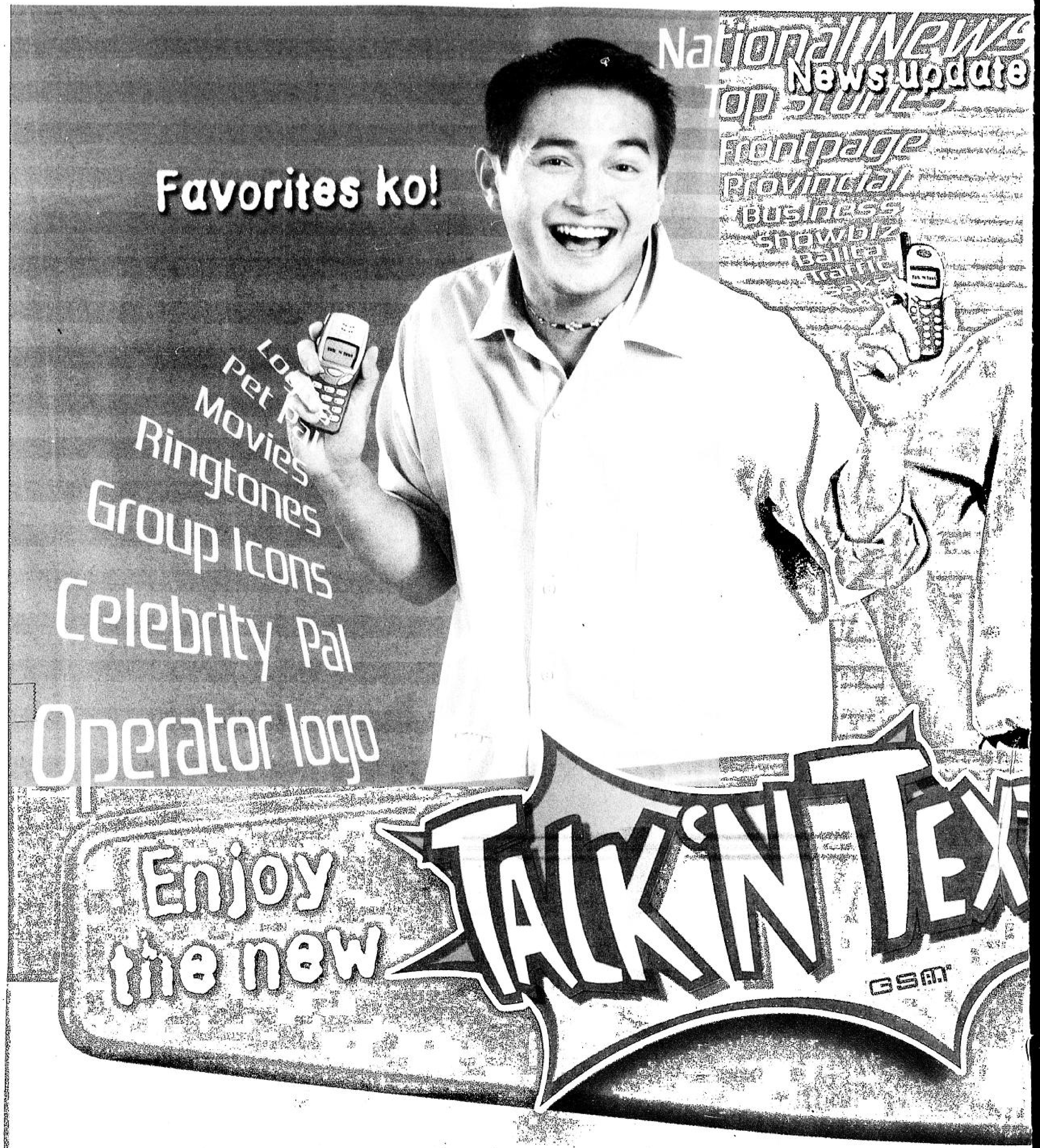
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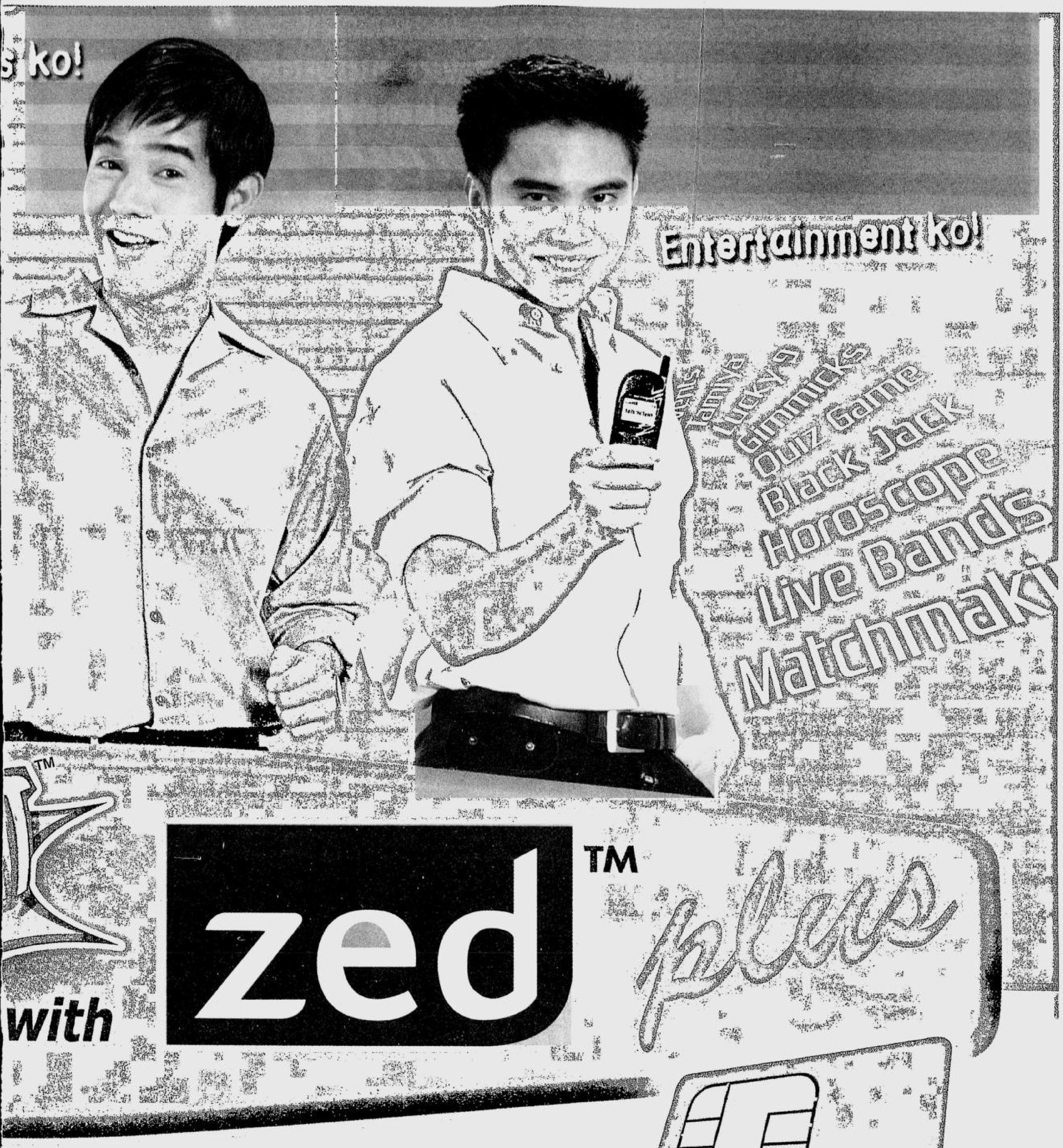
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CEBU is celebrating the golden jubilee of Ballet Center with activities stretched over a six-month period. All have been planned with precision by **Fe Sala Villarica,** who in 1951 opened the only studio dedicated to classical dance south of Manila. The first studio was in Gorordo Avenue, and the next one, too, further up the road. Then it went to **Lygia Ibañez**'s St. Benedict's School, and now it is at the Ayala Center.

"Fifty years!" Fe exclaims, adding that they have passed rather quickly, and more so if you just dance, dance, dance. But Fe does much more than that. She teaches, firmly, and she inspires, formidably. Ballet Center has produced some excellent ballerinas and three outstanding male dancers: **Nicholas Pacaña,** who became a star with the Boston and Atlanta Ballets; **Noordin Jumalon,** the principal of the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Ballet Philippines, and **Benjie Diola,** who not only performs but mounts successful choreographies in Guam.

The Ballet Center golden jubilee celebration started with an alumni homecoming in June at the home of the Villarica family in Beverly Hills, Cebu City. Shortly after Nicholas Pacaña arrived with **Gregory Aaron,** his codirector of the Festival Ballet, both conducted seminar workshops pretty much as they do for the 65 ballet students they have in Atlanta.

Since April, when rehearsals started, anticipation has mounted for the grand anniversary ball to launch the jubilee at the Cebu Plaza Hotel. A formal event, it saw the presence of Cebu's best families and a large segment of the attendance had at one time or another been part of Ballet Center, be it as a student, a volunteer, or a participant in some ballet scene that required ordinary mortals.

Fe was radiant, seated beside **Herme Villarica,** most dapper in a dark suit, and with them were **Vicente** and **Emma Lozada** (nee Sanchez, and one of Fe's most accomplished ballet students). Dinner was served buffet style and while people were having dessert, **Monette Aliño** went up to announce a brief commemorative program. As slides of old photos were featured on a screen, Ballet Center's alumni came up to share treasured memories.

The '50s were reminisced about by **Ingrid Sala Santamaria,** the '60s by **Mary Faelnar Abad,** the '70s by Nicholas Pacaña, the '80s by **Mary Poblete Chan,** and the last decades by Fe and Herme's three lovely daughters, all of whom appeared at one time or another on the ballet stage—**Gia Villarica Suarez, Karen Villarica Reina** and **Maia Villarica Franco.**

The slides were put away and Fe came up on stage to thank one and all for the support for the past 50 years, and before she ended she intimated that the best was yet to come. The current crop of dancers at Ballet Center plus an excellent sprinkling of students from the University of San Carlos did musical numbers from Broadway hits "Annie" and "Evita," which brought the house down.

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As the strains of a dramatic Strauss waltz were heard through the sound system, out came 14 pairs to dance a waltz especially choreographed by Fe for this occasion. There was a swish of silks and satins, the sparkle of heirloom jewels and the joie de vivre, which a festive occasion as this can bring about. Leading them all was Ingrid Sala Santamaria, and guess who was her partner.

Chona Sala Montinola danced with Noordin Jumalon; **Teresing Mendezona,** who had done the ballroom's décor, with **Alex Diola; Annabelle Lu Ym** with **Gregory Aaron;** UK Honorary Consul **Moya Jackson** with Dr. **Guillermo Blanco; Mary Abad** with **Junjo Ferreros; Marlinda Tan** with **Ben Yapjoco; Adelaida Javier** with **Pat Acabodillo; Alma Reyes** with **Warfe Engracia; Bebot Ramas** with **Bill Neri.**

It was all in the family for couples **Cely** and **Eddie Chiongbian, Melba** and **Ed Limbaco; Mariter Dumon Klepp** who danced with her son **Andy;** and **Maxwell Espina** who escorted his lovely sister **Filna Perez Espina.**

The waltz was followed by a "Petit Polka," danced by another set of Ballet Center alumni. Among the girls were the Villarica sisters Maia, Karen and Gia; **Joy Onozawa, Debbie Limchiu, Ana Dimaano, Irisi Ng, Marisse Dunque, Guada Samson, Karen Woolbright, Mary Chan, Tina Manguerra, Johanna Mangubat, Lorraine Dytian, Mary Rose Manghuyop** and **Carmel Sanchez Cabaero** who assists Fe in running Ballet Center and with the executive committee of the jubilee.

Among the guys: **Ryan Vasquez, Roger Corsiga, Juan Jumao-as, Frederick Jax Montelibano, Benjie Diola, Nino Michael Baring,** **Dr. Mario Chan, Doy Radaza, Christopher Santos, Paul Gotiang, Warren Tan, Wilcey Ibanez** and **Alfonso Mosqueda.**

That formally opened the ball, and with so many dancers present it went on and on. The "Kiss of Fire" tango was played and there went **Pat Acabodillo** to ask Fe Villarica to take the spotlight. **Frederick Abellana,** a doctor of medicine by profession but was once a premier danseur of Ballet Center, went across the room to ask **Angie Daque** to cut a mean figure with him. It could have gone on forever.

Next morning there was Fe at the studio rehearsing for the next event. It takes place this weekend with the Queen City Chamber Ballet performing in "Ang Pagbabalik." That is the Cebuano term for "Homecoming," referring to Nicholas Pacana's visit. He has announced this will be his farewell, but he can always stage a "comeback." And the term "*ang pagbabalik*" may still apply.

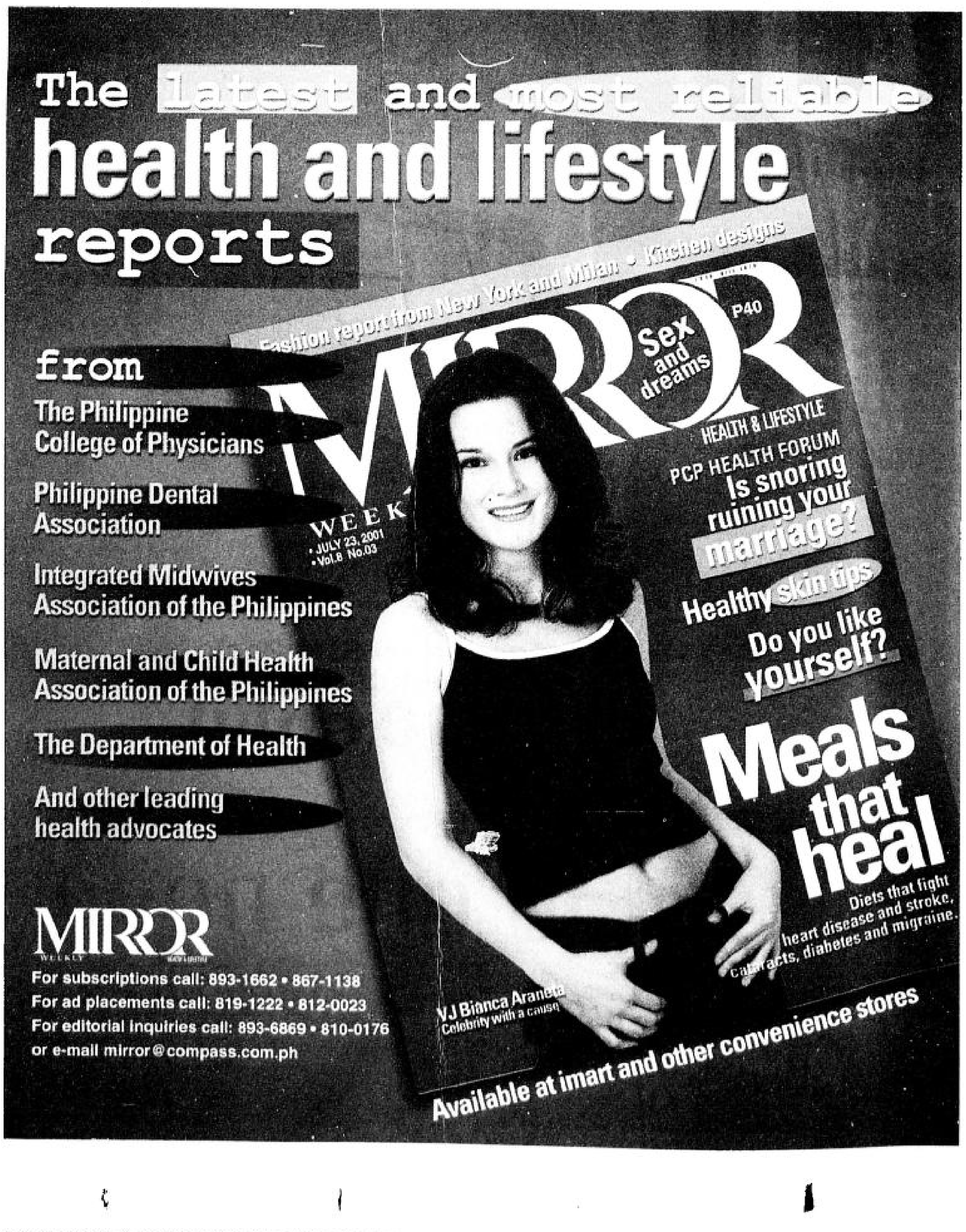
For the rest of the year, Ballet Center has a national photo and painting contest with the theme "Dance is Life," with awards to be given in August; and in September, there will be outreach lectures, demonstrations and film showings in Cebu schools as well as entertainment areas of Ayala Center and SM City Cebu. A "Choreographer's Showcase" is scheduled for Oct. 20 at Ayala Center's Theater for the Performing Arts, with participants from all over the Visayas.

A glittering highlight is the "Pas de Deux Spectacular" scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10, also at Ayala Center. The best soloists from the country's best ballet companies—Ballet Manila, Ballet Philippines and Philippe Ballet Theater—will perform gems from the classics like "Don Quixote," "Le Corsaire," "Sleeping Beauty," "Romance," "Romeo and Juliet," etc. And then comes a full production of "The Nutcracker" on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. All of these will keep Cebu's balletomanes literally on their toes.

THE VILLARICA FAMILY. (Seated) Gia V. Suarez, Karen V. Reina, Herme Villarica, Fe Sala Villarica an' Maia V. Franco; (standing) Ralph Suarez, Therese Sabarre and Raci Franco, Marget and Rene Villarica

GREGORY Aaron and Nicholas Pacaña

AT THE CEBU Plaza staircase: Cely Chiongbian (seated) is clustered by Mary Faelnar, Laling Javier, Mariter Klepp, Alma Reyes, Fe Sala Villarica, Melba Limbaco, Bebot Ramas, Filna Espina and Moya Jackson.



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your companions are in the room. This paneling, says Reyes, is to ensure that no hanky-panky goes on in the rooms, unlike in other KTV bars where the doors have frosted glass.

A one-touch room service has been incorporated in the computer system. The place has 70 employees, smartly dressed in a uniform designed by Rajo Laurel (black basic, with color-coding in green, yellow, red and blue according to services).

Rates for food and beverages are slightly higher than café prices but much lower than hotel prices. A bottle of local beer goes for P65 while imported beer is P140. Basic food items average P120 a serving, with *salpicao* at P220, *calamares* at P200, Japanese food at P300.

The real competition

There are only two family K-TV clubs in this part of Makati, so competition is not so stiff. The real competition comes from nearby P. Burgos Street, where there are eight K-TV bars with GROs (not for the family, obviously).

Reyes estimates 55 percent of

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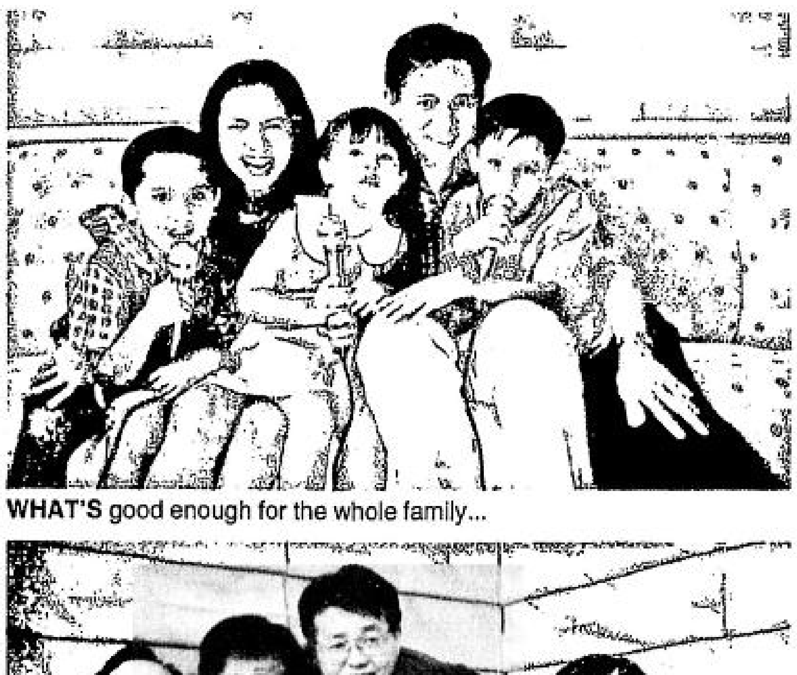

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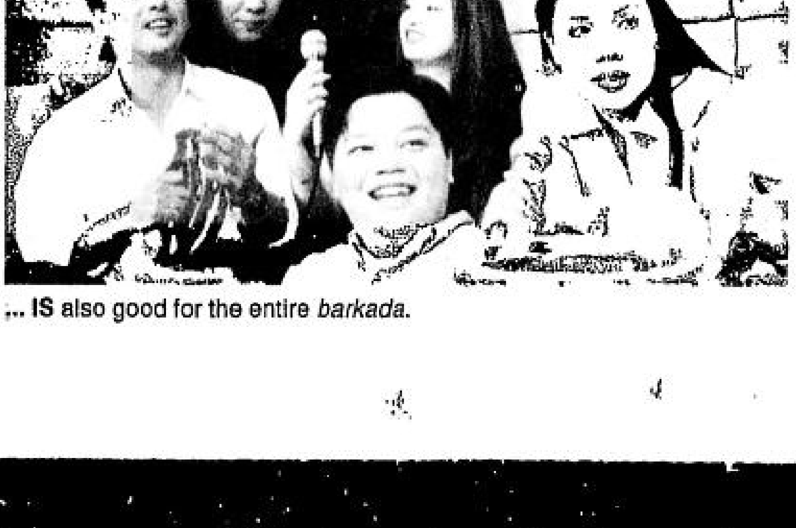
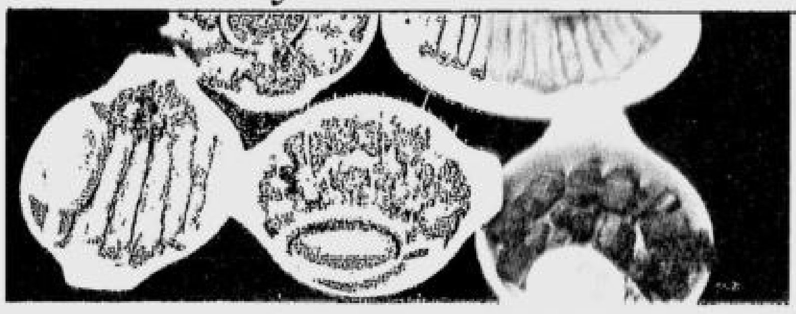


... IS also good for the entire *barkada.*



AN ARRAY of *pica-pica* between singing and drinking

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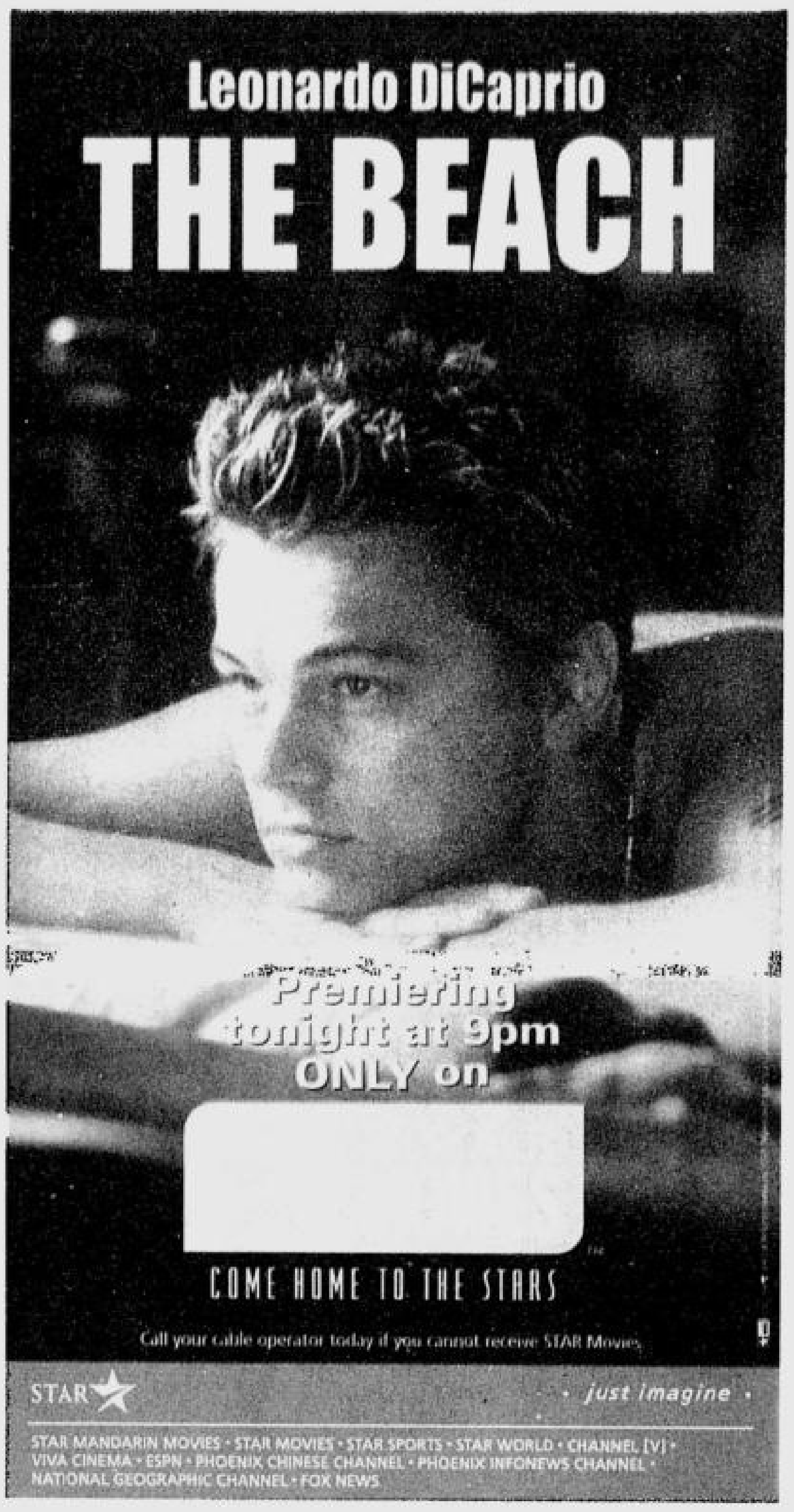
their guests are female, 45 percent male, which only goes to show who express their emotions most through singing. The club's clientele is AB and upper C, the former being the yuppies (its primary market), and the latter the office secretaries.

The dress code is the same as in any reputable establishment: No tank tops, rubber slippers or basketball shorts. The management is stricter on Friday, when most clients are those winding down from office work. Such people are rather prissy, and they don't want to see *yagit* or *mukhang busabos* in their immediate vicinity.

So, is the trend now becoming a lifestyle?

Reyes, a mass communications graduate of the University of the Philippines, can't give a categorical answer for now. "I don't know if this is a lifestyle," he says, "but I hope it will last."

We hope so, too. But with the invention of the PC karaoke, and the creation of the Computer Karaoke Homepage, soon it's back to the living room, or the office, we suppose?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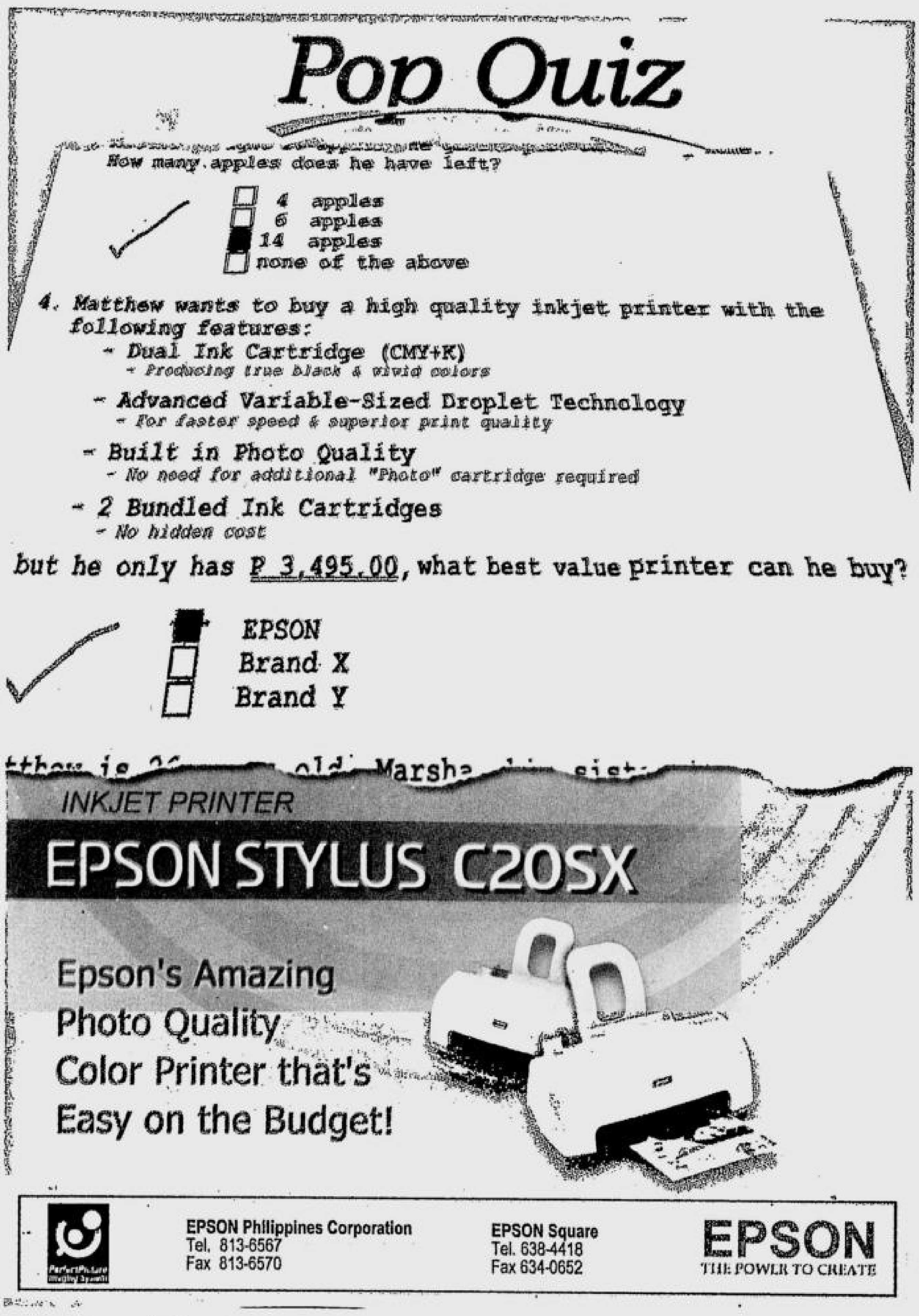
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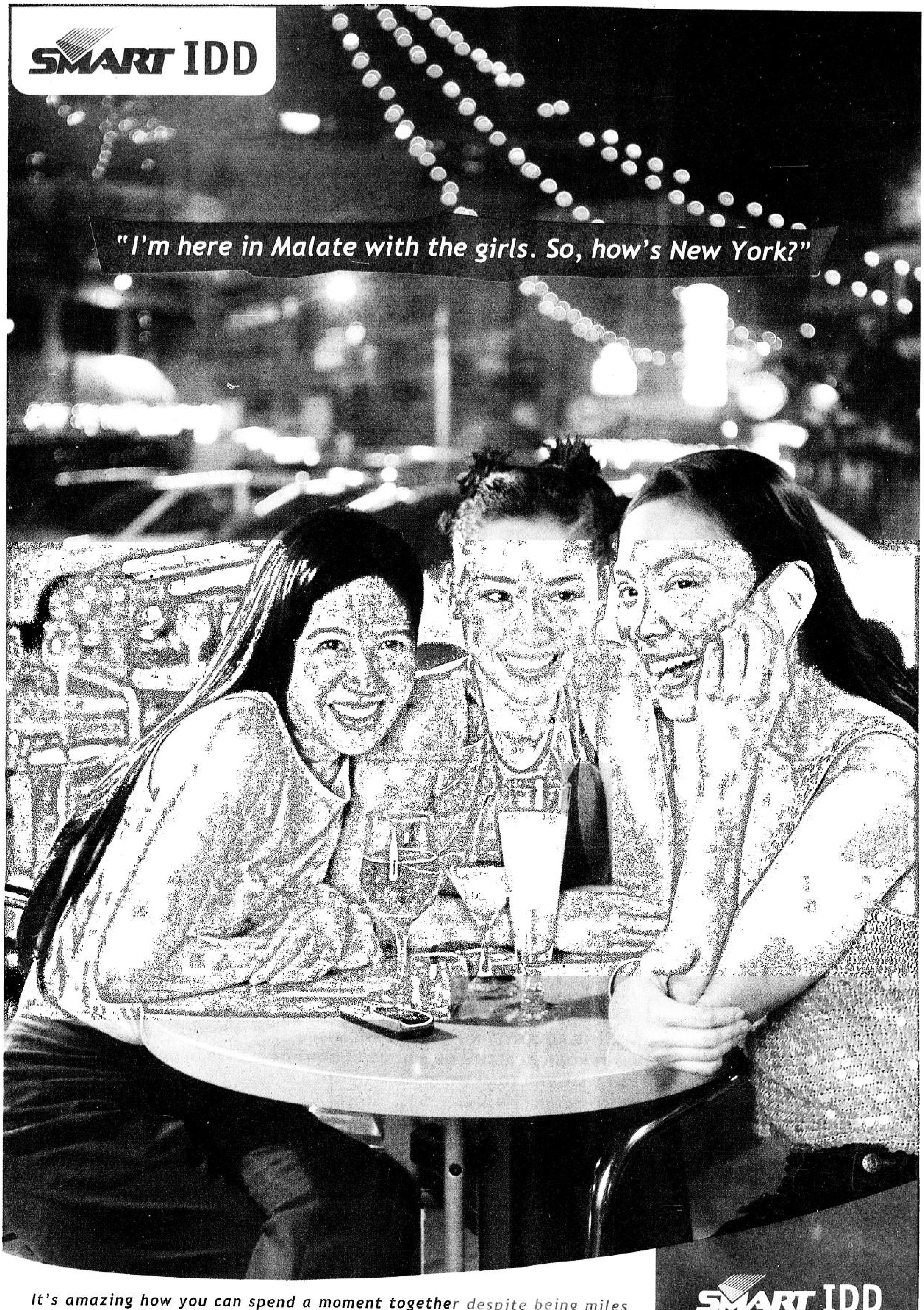

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Matthew and Tani Lloren

Wedding caps romance across the Pacific

By Donnie C. Ramirez

DISTANCE makes the heart grow fonder. The sentiment may be trite but it was certainly true for Matthew Lloren and Tani Aragon. Their long-distance romance crossed the Pacific, and resulted in a beautiful wedding at the Manila Metropolitan Cathedral in Intramuros.

Matthew, eldest of two sons of Oscar and Evelyn Lloren, was born and raised in the United States. In 1999, after completing his law studies at Bristol University in Bristol, England, he came to Manila to visit with relatives. He met Tani at the office of her boss, his cousin Gina Quintanar-Campos, Northwest-ITI GM. He fell head over heels in love the moment he laid eyes on her. "I knew even then that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her," he says now.

Their growing affection was momentarily interrupted when Matthew flew back to the States to take up his masters in international legal studies at the American University in Washington, D.C. But the distance was not a barrier to the romance. The young couple burned the wires and nearly caused their respective PCs to crash with endless e-mail.

> Distance was not a barrier to the romance of Matthew Lloren and Tani Aragon. They burned the wires and nearly caused PCs to crash with endless e-mail

Two years later and with a master's degree, Matthew returned to the Philippines and formally proposed to Tani. Their wedding was a charming event officiated by Msgr. Don Erfe and Rev. Dr. Greg Ramos.

Tani, daughter of Pedrito and Ma. Teresa Aragon, and a communication arts graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University, wore an exquisite silver-gray gown with Swarovski crystals designed by Mila de Leon. Matthew was every inch the dashing groom in a fully embroidered *barong* Tagalog.

Complementing the good looks of the couple was the youthful entourage composed mostly of their *barkada.*

Matthew's brother, Terence, was best man and Tani's sister, Patricia Ann, was maid of honor. The bride's best friend at Northwest-ITI, Candy Ochoa, was matron of honor. Groomsmen were Jomar Castillo, Mark Espeleta, the groom's schoolmate Warren Howlett and his cousins Manolet and Dominic Lloren. Bridesmaids were Marica Cabrera, Maryrose Centenera, Ginggay Joven, Tet Magno and Bebeth Timbol.

Secondary sponsors were Tonton Aragon and Vivien Hilario-Aragon for the candle, Toti Aragon and Ana Esperanza Uy for the veil, and Eugene Buenaventura and Peachy Nazareno for the cord. The little attendants were C.J. Aquino (ring bearer), Gerard Reyes (coin), Vincent Aquino (Bible), Alexis Torroba and Renee and Eunice Ermita (flower girls).

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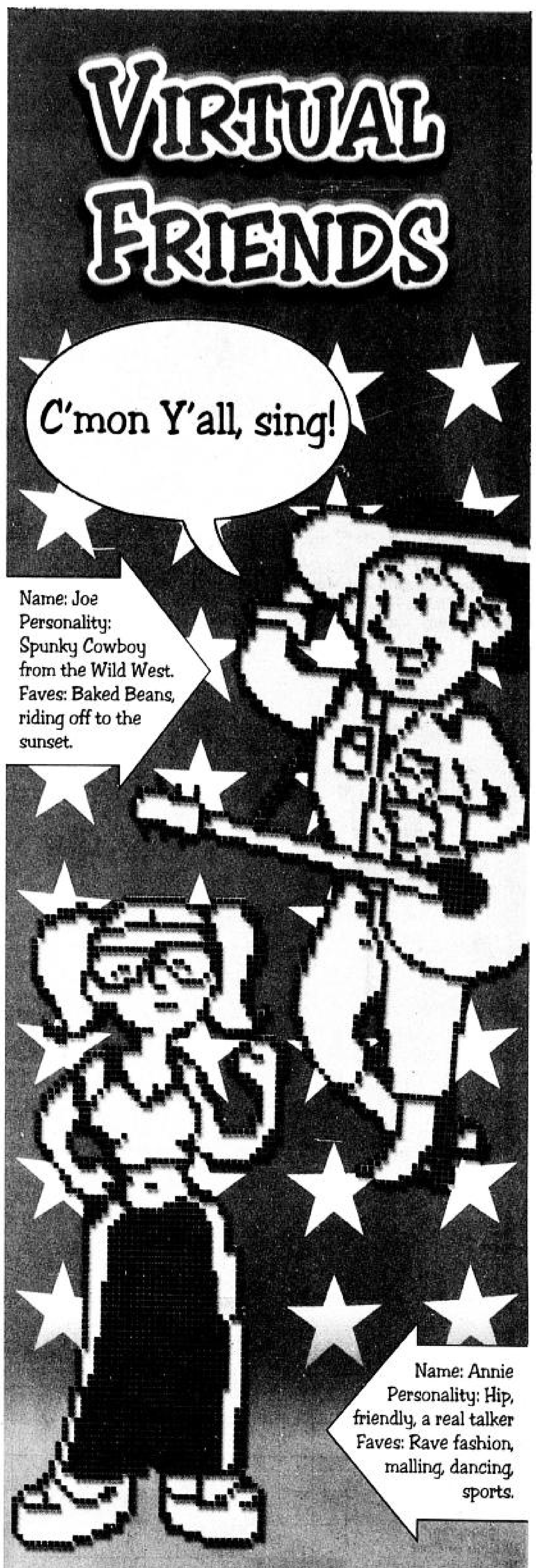
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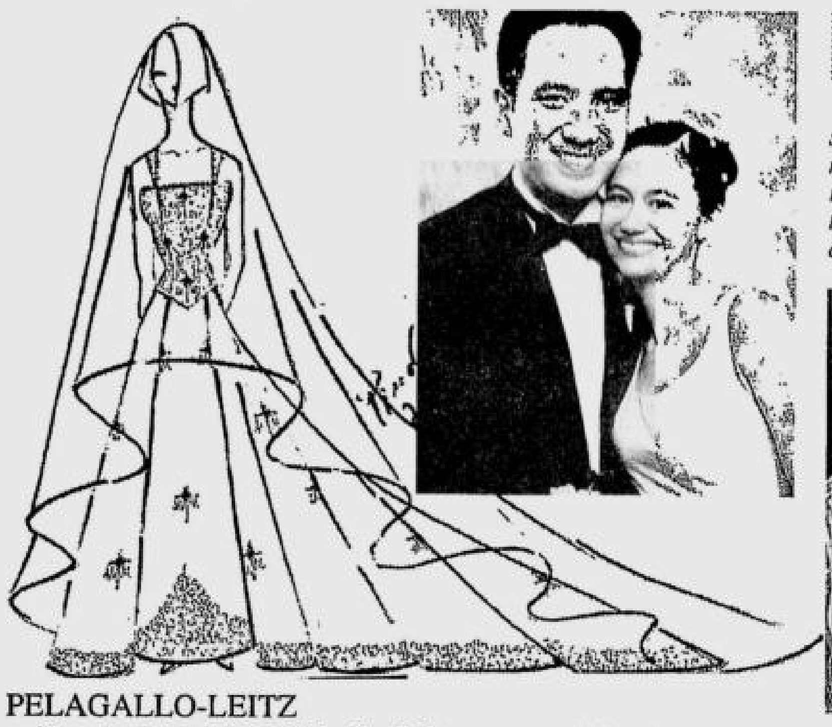
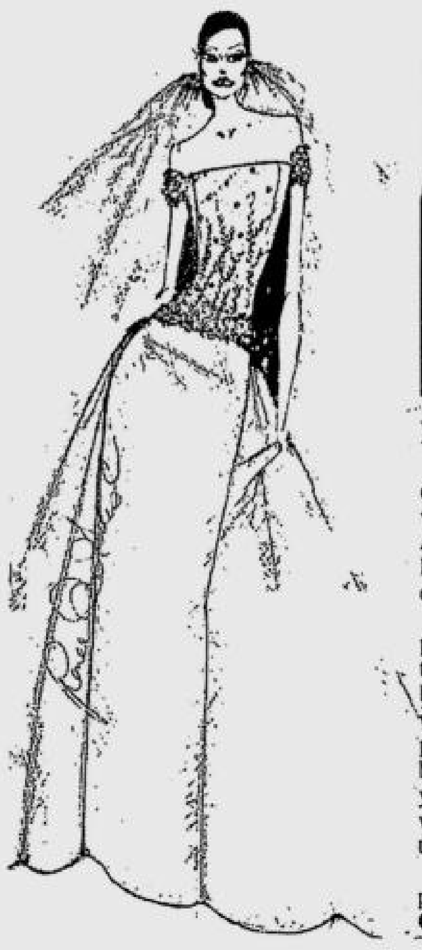


PELAGALLO-LEITZ

Maurice Pelagallo and **Monika Leitz** were married on Jan. 20 at the San Isidro Chapel in Calatagan, Batangas. The bride wore a gown designed by **Tony Cajucom**. Reception followed at the Punta Baluarte Resort.



BELUSO-SUPNET

Joyce Supnet wore this off-shoulder gown created by **Renée Salud** when she exchanged marital vows with **Anselle Beluso** at the Christ the King Parish Church on Greenmeadows Avenue, QC on June 14.

The gown is cut at the hips with a pencil-cut style in front and bias cut in the back to make a train effect. The bodice is fully embroidered, adorned with rosettes and sprinkled with transparent cut beads, pearl and crystal beads. To complete the effect, a 10-yard veil made of beaded illusion tulle was tucked to the hair with an antique tiara.

Anselle, meanwhile, donned a dapper barong tagalog created for him by **Gener Gozum**.

ALAGAD-VITOR

Charlemagne Alagad, son of Mr. and Ms **Carlos Alagad**, will tie the knot with **Floryme Vitor**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Metodio Vitor**, on July 21 at San Antonio de Padua Parish Church, Agdao, Davao City. Reception will follow at Lanang Country Club, Lanang, Davao City. Wedding coordinator/concept stylist is **Tata S. Soriano** of Heaven's Gift. **Bong Agustin** designed the bride's gown while the gowns of the entourage in powder pink and silver motif were designed by **Rudy Lamanilao**.

SAMONTE-TOMINES

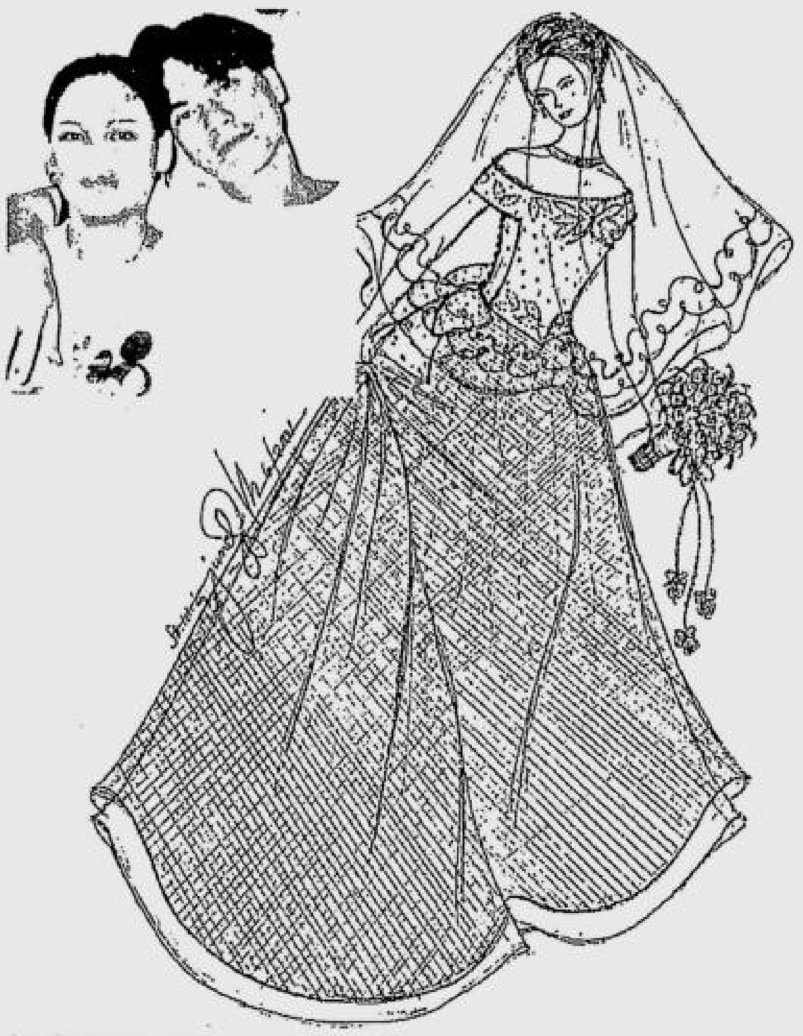
Ronald Allan Samonte, son of **Danilo** and **Ma. Consuelo Samonte**, tied the knot with **Ma. Theresa Tomines**, daughter of **Ruben** and **Ma. Christina Tomines**, at the Holy Family Church, Bakakeng Road, Baguio City on June 16. Reception followed at the reception hall of the church.

TAPAWAN WEDDING

Tommy and **Jho Tapawan** were married on July 7 at the Immaculada Concepcion Parish Church in Dasmariñas, Cavite. Reception followed at the Metrogate Pala-pala, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

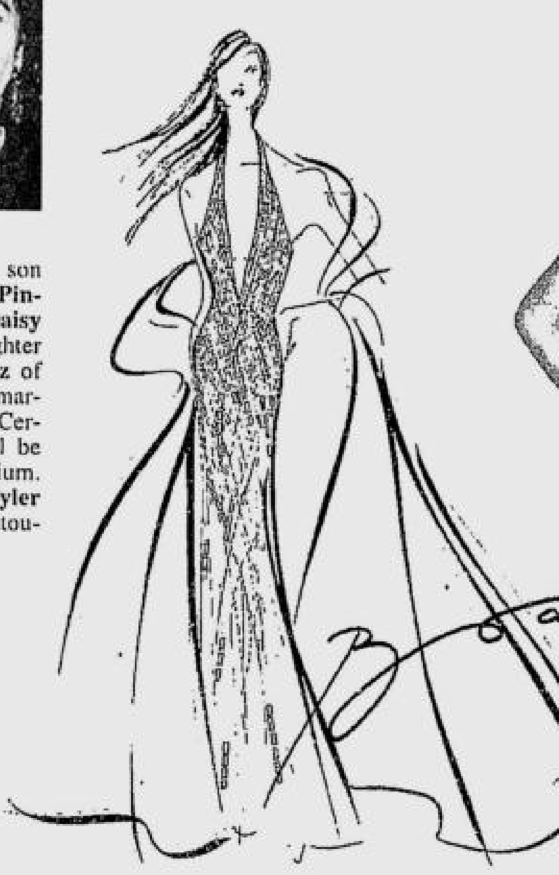
PINCHART-BAÑEZ

Marc Emile Yves Pinchart, son of **Josianne** and **Jean-Claude Pinchart** of Brussels, Belgium, and **Daisy Mae Zarina Elayda Bañez**, daughter of **Lucy** and **Nestor Poco Bañez** of California, USA, will renew their marriage vows on July 17 in Brussels. Ceremony and dinner reception will be held at their residence in Belgium. Their sons **Drake Kevin**, 9, and **Tyler Malik**, 3, will join the wedding entourage.



ALQUINO-NAVARRO

John-John Alquino will wed **Leigh Navarro** on July 21 at St Joseph Parish Church. Reception will follow at Camp Crame Multipurpose Center. The bride will wear an off-shoulder gown of taffeta and *jusi* material, accessorized with transparent pearls, cut and glass beads in a leaf pattern. The entourage will wear gowns in periwinkle blue. Wedding favors and flower arrangement for the entourage, church and reception is by **Junel Gallon**.



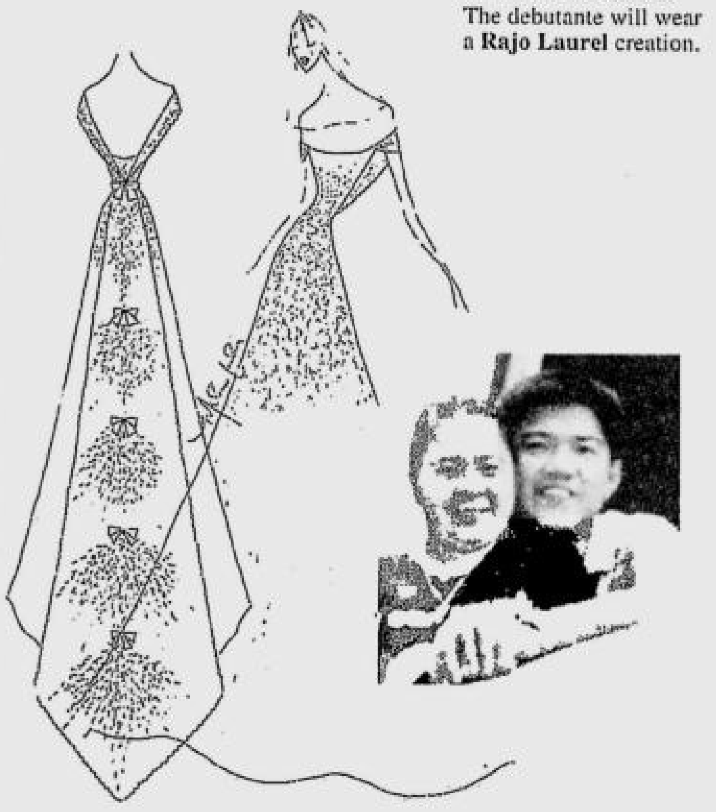
AYSON DEBUT

Pamela Kathleen Ayson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Ms **Serge L. Ayson**, will célebrate her 18th birthday on July 21 at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Inter-Continental Manila, Makati City. **Rafael Quimpo Rosell IV** will be her escort. The debutante will wear a **Rajo Laurel** creation.

CODERA-DE LOS REYES

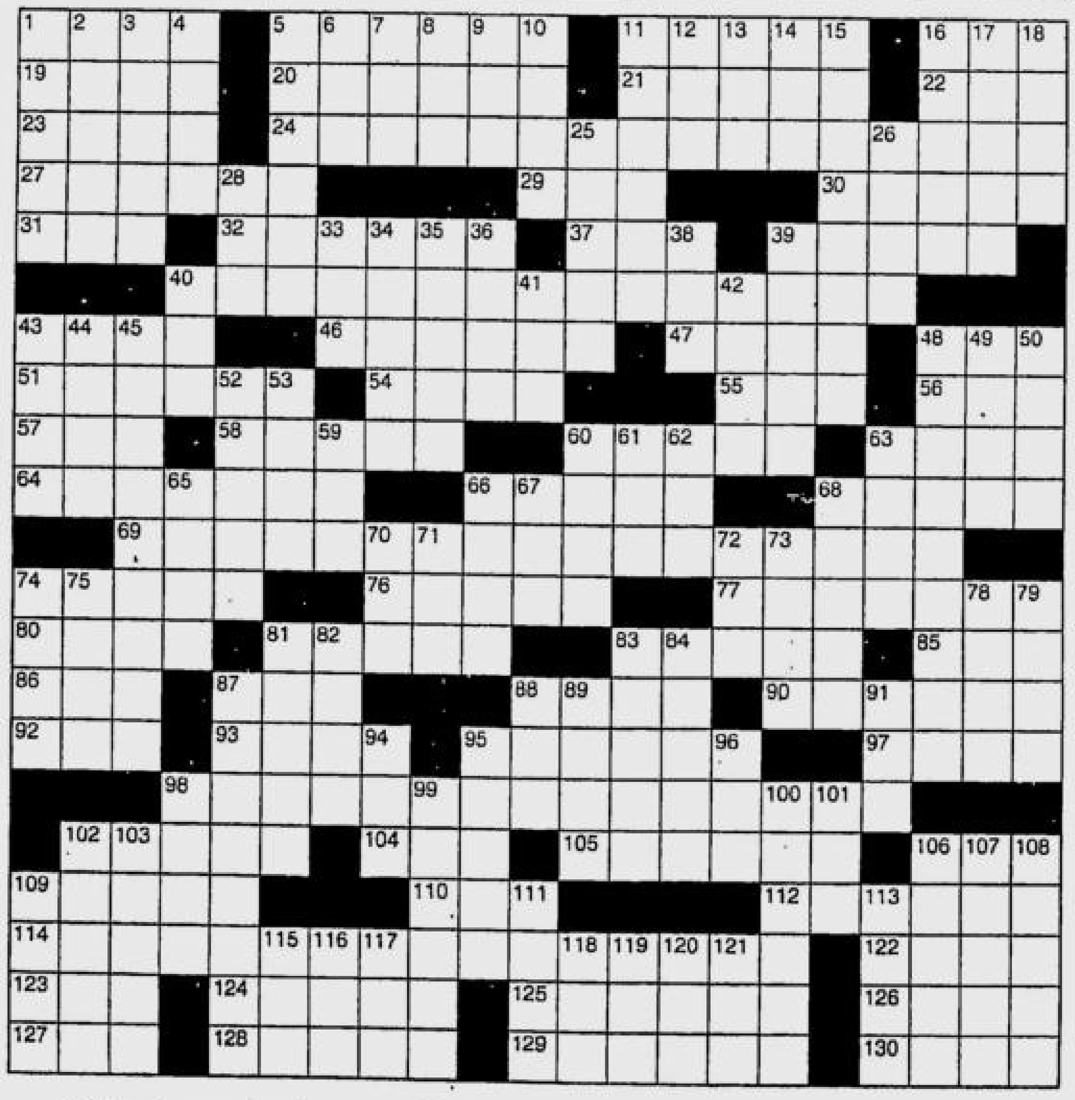
Ma. Cecilia Lilith L. de los Reyes, daughter of Judge **Potenciano R. de los Reyes Jr.** and **Cecilia de Lara de los Reyes**, will exchange "I dos" with engineer **Arnel R. Cordera**, son of **Soledad Ragas vda. de Codera**, on July 28 at St. Rita Parish Church, Gingoog City. Reception will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Gingoog Mountain Air Hotel and Eastland Restaurant.

Stylist **Jojo Ochigue of** Cagayan de Oro City will do the hair and makeup. The bride will wear a creation by designer **Melvin Lachica** of Cagayan de Oro City. The off-shoulder gown in *jusi* and Italian satin with *panuelo*-type sleeves that connect to the train is decorated with cut beads, pearls and crystals.



SUNDAY CROSSWORD

FOREIGN FILMS



ACROSS

1 Voucher
5 Plane place
11 Big bargain
16 "Major Barbara" monogram
19 Clair or Coty
20 Swimmer Gertrude
21 Garrulous
22 School subject
23 "Bus Stop" playwright
24 Peter O'Toole film
27 Medal material
29 Pine product
30 Incongruous state
31 Command to Fido
32 Eventually
37 Where the buoys are
39 Glaze
40 Judy Davis film
43 Jury member
46 Mr. Miyagi's forte
47 Emcee's site
48 Spigot
51 Kindred
54 Aussie rockers
55 Plant disease
56 What a feller needs
57 In-your-face item
58 Dancer Jose
60 Pamphlet
63 Floor covering
64 Hoarder
66 Taxing time?
68 "I Love a Parade" composer
69 Gregory Peck film
74 Jeweler's weight
76 Exodus figure
77 "— Butterfly" ('66 hit)
80 Ken of "Hill Street Blues"
81 Conductor's concern
83 Endangered herbivore
85 Solidify
86 In error
87 Twisted
88 Way over yonder
90 Little laugh
92 Kyser or Starr
93 Rushes
95 Giza god
97 Raison d'—
98 Bob Hope film
102 On — (doing great)
104 Down meas.
105 Clone
106 A Bobbsey twin
109 Intense
110 — Claire, WI
112 "Blueberry Hill" singer
114 Jane Fonda film
122 Leave out
123 Fireworks reaction
124 Gives the green light
125 Pageant props
126 Misplace
127 Neighbor of Ger.
128 Actress Davis
129 Least conventional
130 — -in-the-wool

DOWN

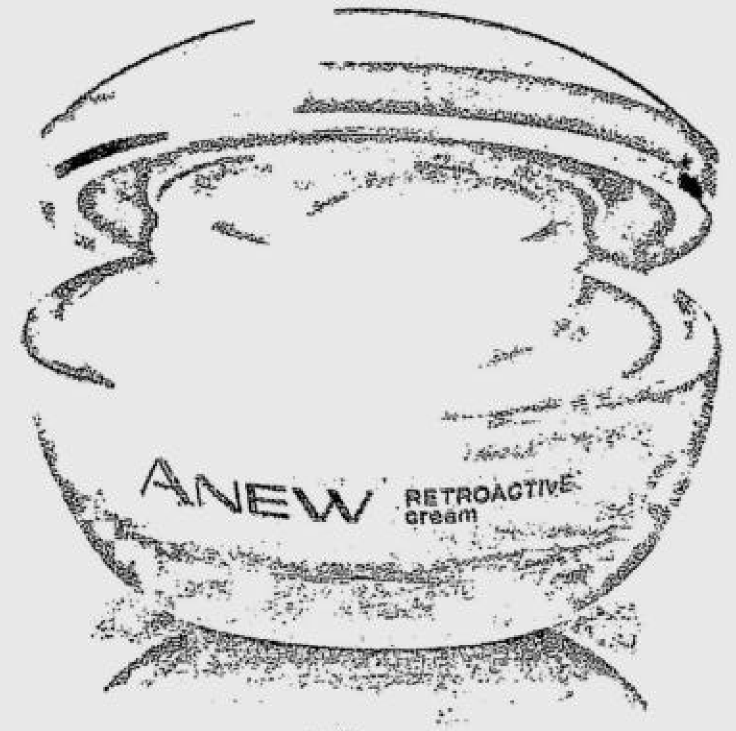
1 Corn holders
2 Matisse or Rousseau
3 Gold brick?
4 "— Wolf" ('85 film)
5 Montana's capital
6 Periodontists' org.
7 Contemporary
8 "Don't touch my bone!"
9 Ginger —
10 Dollars for quarters
11 Audiophile's equipment
12 Eastern "Way"
13 Wee one
14 "America's Most Wanted" abbr.
15 Ira Gershwin, for one
16 Libreville's land
17 Escort
18 Command to Fido
25 Immobile class
26 "La Rondine" rendition
28 Energy
33 "For shame!"
34 Albeniz or Asimov
35 Peripatetic Polo
36 "Gracious me!"
38 Pitch in
39 Numskull
40 Onassis' nickname
41 Catchall abbr.
42 DEA officer
43 Theatrical Joseph
44 Literary pseudonym
45 Thrill
48 Motorcycle feature
49 Wagon part
50 Hammer head
52 Marsh sight
53 Olive —
59 Monty's milieu
60 '82 Jeff Bridges film
61 Volcano part
62 Clerical garb
63 Baseball's Speaker
65 Genghis —
66 Curly coif
67 Supportive of
68 Blue hue
70 Tasty tuber
71 Weaken
72 Agt.
73 Got off
74 Quiche creator
75 — Romeo
78 Swerve
79 Gen. Robt. —
81 Experiment
82 Checked out
83 "Scent of a Woman" dance
84 Chilean pianist
87 Without reservation
88 Bonaparte's buddy
89 Ward (off)
91 Shoe width
94 Farm feature
95 Examine
96 PD alert
98 Coll. brass
99 Forsyth's "The — File"
100 Firstborn
101 Rock's — Speedwagon
102 Blessed sound?
103 Mercedes of "The Fisher King"
106 Shatner co-star
107 Absinthe ingredient
108 Famous
109 Perched on
111 Proverb preposition
113 Shape
115 Turner or Pappas
116 Rob Roy's refusal
117 Writer Rand
118 "— not!"
119 Math abbr.
120 Vein contents
121 Bell and Barker

ANSWER ON PAGE C3

MEER-CASTILLO

Erick Meer, son of **Eusebio** and **Loreta Meer** of Sto. Tomas, Batangas, and **Phoeve Castillo**, daughter of **Emiliano Sr.** and **Lucena Castillo** of Bauan, Batangas, were wed on June 17 at the Manila Cathedral, with Manila Archbishop **Jaime Cardinal Sin** officiating. Reception followed at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel. Principal sponsors were Chief Justice **Hilario G. Davide Jr.**, **Myung Min Huh**, **Greg Marajas**, **Charlie Bautista**, Brig. Gen. **Marciano R. Ilagan**, **Clifford T. Que**, **Danny Juangco**, **Polly Hernandez**, **Helen Villarino**, **Karen Gonzaga**, **Rosemarie Ilagan**, **Milagros Rosario**, **Estella Estayola**, Dr. **Neth Castillo-Cariño**, **Perla Castillo** and **Marissa Macaisa**. The couple held their prenuptial party at the Manila Diamond Hotel. The bride's white duchess satin gown with a 7-m train was a creation of **Bernice Cruz** of Pilar Pineda.

"Are you talking about me?"



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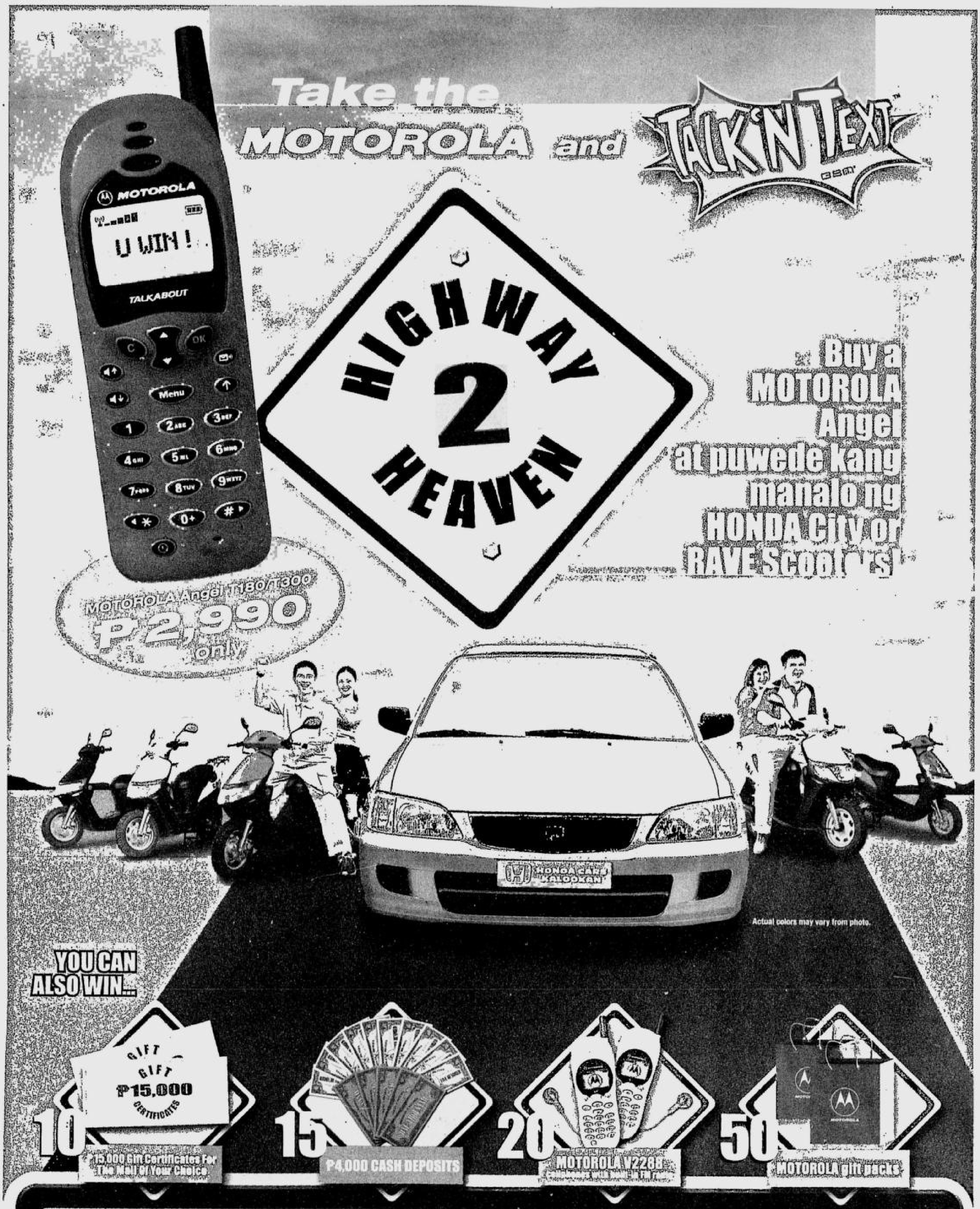

TO JOIN...

1. Every purchase of a Motorola Angel T300/T180 Talk 'N Text cellular phone from the dealers listed below gives the customer a chance to join the **HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN** raffle.

2. This promo is exclusive to the purchase of Motorola Angels T300/T180 **simlocked** to the SMART network via Piltel's Talk 'N Text, and only from authorized dealers and outlets listed below.

3. The customer indicates his name, address, contact numbers, and affixes his signature on a piece of paper and encloses this in a white legal-size envelope with a photocopy of the invoice and IMEI label. Said label is found on the side of the cellular phone box/package.

4. The customer must likewise include one (1) copy of the filled-out Owner's Certificate form. The cellular phone number must also be included.

5. The customer may drop the entry at dropboxes located at TSI outlets or send or mail to: **HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN RAFFLE,** c/o INNOVISIONS, INC., Rm. 309 Cattleya Condominium, 235 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City 1229. A DTI representative will be invited to be present during the opening of drop boxes.

6. Prizes include:

Grand Prize : One (1) Honda City 1.3 LXi (Manual transmission)
Second Prizes : Five (5) Motorized Rave Scooters 50cc
Third Prizes : Ten (10) ₱15,000.00 Gift Certificates for a mall of the winners' choice
Fourth Prizes : Fifteen (15) ₱4,000.00 initial cash deposits to a bank of the winners' choice
Fifth Prizes : Twenty (20) Motorola V2288 cell phones simlocked to the Talk 'N Text network
Consolation Prizes : Fifty (50) Motorola gift packs worth ₱500.00

7. Promo period is from **June 25 to August 30, 2001.**

8. All entries must be dropped in drop boxes no later than **August 30, 2001**. Mailed-in entries must be postmarked on or before August 30, 2001 and must be received by Innovisions, Inc. no later than September 13, 2001.

9. The raffle draw will be held at 3 PM, Sept. 15, 2001, at the INNOVISIONS, INC. office, Motorola's merchandising agency, at Rm. 309 Cattleya Condominium, 235 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City 1229. A DTI representative shall be invited to witness the draw.

10. A participant may **only win once.** In case a name is drawn more than once, he/she receives the prize with the bigger value.

11. Winners will be notified via registered mail and published in at least two (2) nationwide leading print publications. Motorola shall likewise call the winner through his/her cellphone and/or notify via text.

12. Prizes are not convertible to cash.

13. All prizes exceeding ₱10,000 are tax-free. Prizes shall be shipped to winners outside of Metro Manila. Motorola will shoulder shipment costs.

14. This nationwide promo is exclusive for purchases of Motorola Angels T300/T180 Talk 'N Text, available in the outlets listed below.

15. Prizes can be redeemed within sixty (60) calendar days from receipt of notification. Winners must present any valid identification card (i.e. Passport, Driver's License, SSS, GSIS, TIN), the notification document, and the original invoice/receipt from the purchase of the cellular phone, and original copy of the Owner's Certificate.

16. GMA winners may claim their prizes at INNOVISIONS, INC., Rm. 309 Cattleya Condominium, 235 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City 1229, except for the car and motorized scooters. Instead, certificates will be issued at said office to the winners. The originals of the said certificates must be presented at Honda Cars Kalookan, for the Honda City 1.3LXi (manual), at JT Bikes and Accessories Center Corp. (311 Rizal Ave. Ext., Caloocan City) for the RAVE scooters where various documents and ownership papers will be processed before the release of said prizes. The winners will shoulder the cost of LTO registration and other documentation.

17. Employees of Motorola Communications Phils., Inc., as well as their merchandising agency Innovisions, Inc., and participating outlets/dealers, including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from joining the raffle.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 0857, Series of 2001.

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Seminar on environmental effect

A TWO-DAY seminar on the "Environmental Impact of the Food and Beverage Industries" will be conducted by the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) during the 3rd Food and Beverage Engineering Expo Aug. 16-19 at the Megatrade Hall, 5/F SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

The EMB-DENR, which will conduct the seminars on the first two days of the expo, will be issuing Certifications of Training as Pollution Control Officers to all qualified participants.

Covered by the seminar are Issues and Problems with ECC Issuance, An Overview of DENR Rules, Regulations and Permits Needed by F&B Industries; Mechanics on the Conduct of Field Monitoring and Preparation of Monitoring Reports; The Clean-Air Act and Its Implementing Rules and Regulations; The Solid Waste Management Act of 2000; Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Oil and Water Separators to be given by industry field experts.

Half a day would also be set aside for the planning, preparation and presentation of a case study.

Call 373-3601 local 216, 371-7398; telefax 371-7405 or e-mail eventsonly@edsamail.com.ph.

Sketch session set

THE NEXT Sketch Saturday organized by the Heritage Conservation Society is scheduled on July 21, 9 a.m., at the San Sebastian Church.

Meeting place is at the church, located at Plaza del Carmen, Quiapo. There will be a guided tour of the church before the sketch session with a snack break in between. An informal critique by Carlos Celdran (Rhode Island School of Design '96) and architect Janeil Arlegui (University of Santo Tomas '97) will guide the participants in the development of their personal drawing technique.

Students, photographers, amateur and professional artists of all media are invited. Bring art materials of your choice and dress light.

Call 521-2239 or 522-2497.

Healing rally slated July 21

THE FIRST Reiki Healing Rally is set on July 21, 1 p.m. at Ped Plaza Business Center, Brgy. Ermita, Balayan, Batangas. Call (043) 921-2982 or 522-6383.

Annual fund-raiser

WORLD Vision Development Foundation Inc., an international non-profit Christian organization, will hold an annual fund-raising event dubbed "World Vision 24-Hour Famine" on July 20-21, to uplift the lives of poor children in the country. Call 927-0676.

Defy the aging process. Adding birthday candles to your cake does not mean an end to looking and feeling young. A new outlook on health and life will do you wonders! Creating a daily skin regimen and taking care of your mind, body, and soul will help you turn back the hands of time.

MIND

- **Begin your autobiography.** Record the most significant events in your life.

- **Take on a new interest.** A new pursuit, another hobby, can make your life more interesting and less of a routine.

- **Mental motivations.** Work on teeny tasks that produce small triumphs. This will boost your confidence just in time to tackle the big ones.

Let's talk about ANEW outlook

SOUL

- **Be young again.** Giggle with your friends over a romantic-comedy film.

- **Go green to relax.** Surround yourself with leafy plants at home or at work for a more relaxed atmosphere. Try herbal therapies to soothe stress.

- **Reflect and pray.** Remember to thank God for all His blessings.

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BODY

- **Champion your own health.** Eat light, sleep tight, and exercise right.

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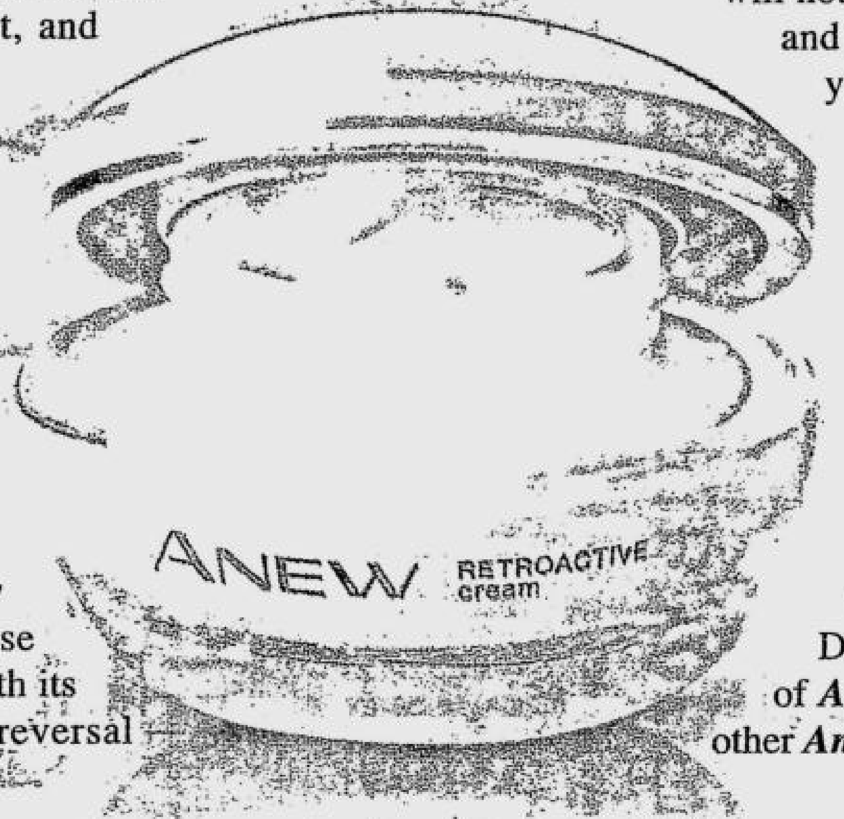

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THE COUPLE with their principal sponsors (from left) Lourdes Sianghio, Marixi Prieto, lawyer Luisa Quintana, Letty Syquia, Nena Tantoco, Eufrosina Nisce, Dr. Milagros Torres, Amparo Aspiras, Judge Fidel Purisima, Eddie Torroba, Ramon Mojica, Cesar Buenaventura, engineer Camilo Tabora, Joel Laig, Tony Bejar and Leon Ang

THE NEWLYWEDS' moms, Evelyn Alvian-Lloren and Marie Torroba-Aragon

Wedding caps romance across the Pacific

(From page E1)

Lourdes Sianghio, Letty Syquia, Nena Tantoco and PDI publisher Marixi Prieto.

The reception at the Pacific Lounge of the Pan Pacific Hotel was attended by families and friends. After the dinner and the de rigueur cutting of the cake and throwing of the bouquet, Matthew and Tani and their young friends sang and danced until near midnight. The couple flew to Thailand for a week-long honeymoon. Now back and settled in their San Lorenzo nest, Matthew works as a consultant at Mabuhay Phils. Satellite Corp. while Tani has resumed her job as PR assistant at Northwest-ITI. Next on the agenda of the newlyweds: a baby. Make it soon.

NINANGS Lourdes Sianghio, Luisa Quintana and Marixi Prieto

THE NEWLYWEDS with Marica Cabrera, Maryrose Centenera, Tet Magno, Bebeth Timbol and Ginggay Joven

WITH NORTHWEST-ITI gang (from left) Marica Cabrera, Maryrose Centenera, Melody Yamsuan, Helen Montalvo, Cecile Dimaculangan, Mariecon de Jesus, Ina Henares, Lulubelle Casatañeda, Candy Ochoa, Maresse Bauza, Joy Nuguid and big boss Gina Campos

MATTHEW and Tani with their parents, Bombit and Marie Aragon and Evelyn and Oscar Lloren

Educated wedding choices

(From page E8)

and 31 and Aug. 1-3 and 7-10, 5-7 p.m. Beauty makeovers will be provided by Franck Provost, Paradigm, Danny Mapa and Watercolours Salon while Creative Cooking for Two will be taught by Gina Navarro.

What Every Newlywed Couple Must Know About Planning a Memorable Honeymoon will be tackled by travel consultant Cora Jimenez of Choice Travel and Tours on July 19, 6-7 p.m. Decorating Your New Home with Interior Designers is held every Wednesday and Friday, 4-7 p.m. A bridal fashion show featuring the creations of Edwin Tan, Pepsi Herrera and Bobby Novenario will be the event's grand finale.

Other participating exhibitors include Audio Compulsion and Wave Station (audio rental services); Danny's Salon (beauty salon); Cakes by Carla, Island Peach, Red Ribbon and Sugarcraft Creations Cakeshop (cake designers); 1816 Flowers Company, D'Flower Façade & Gift Shop, The Flower Cart and The Royal Flower Shoppe (floral designers); Boracay Regency Hotel, Hyatt Regency Hotel and Mandarin Oriental (hotels); Dream Republic Invitations and QP Designs Enterprises (invitations and stationery); Ocampo's Gemologists & Jewelers, Inc. (jeweler); Lito Sy Studio Inc., Nelson Villarica Photography and UR in Focus (photographers); Bernie Pasamba Music Consultancy (musicians, bands and singers); Compass Travel & Tours, Dominican Travel & Tours and Echolac (travel); Mediavisions Plus, Inc. (videography); Silver Secrets Inc. (wine distributor) and Union Motors.

Wine sampling

Wine is taking a prominent role in weddings and celebrations. Some attribute it to the highly publicized health benefits particularly from red wines; others point to the evolving sophistication of the Filipino palate, especially among the young. With the proliferation of wine imported into the Philippines, it has afforded consumers the chance of tasting a multitude of wines of every type and description from different countries. Liking what they tasted, they gradually develop a preference for wines in general.

The Wedding and Home Show guides couples on the details that make a wedding memorable and the steps to create their future house a home

CAKES by Carla

"Any kind of wine will do as long as it's of good quality. And it does not have to be expensive. For beginners in terms of wine drinking, I recommend wines with only 6 percent alcohol content so as not to affect your system and something soft, smooth, pleasant and easy to understand," says connoisseur Luciano Zanirato of Silver Secrets Inc.

He will hold an invitational wine sampling at 5:30-7 p.m. on July 18 and 25 and Aug. 8 and another one, which will be open to the public, on Aug. 1.

Music consultancy

In any wedding, music provides the ambiance and the mood. And nowadays, Bernie Pasamba says, most couples deviate from the usual wedding repertoire and prefer movie themes, heavy classics and opera music.

"But every type of music can be turned into a good arrangement even if it's not appropriate to the ceremony or even if I don't like the piece," says Pasamba, who heads the Bernie Pasamba String Ensemble which has performed with local and international artists and done a thousand weddings.

Educational process

"The Wedding and Home Show also serves as an educational process for couples for they don't just plan their wedding day but the kind of life they want to lead. After they get married, they'll need things for their house which they have to turn into a home. Everything that is featured in the show marks every great moment in their life. The series of seminars will brief couples on how to maximize the use of appliances and how to take care of them. The cooking demo, on the other hand, will fully engage the senses of couples," says Robbie Decena, marketing vice president of Automatic Centre.

All the activities will be held free of charge at Automatic Centre and BLIMS showroom in Makati. For details and schedule of activities, call 750-0314 and 750-8888.

Let The Wedding and Home Show walk you down the aisle as it features a wedding filled with timeless traditions of the past presented anew by the creative forces of the Philippine wedding industry.

E-mail the author at rburgos@inquirer.com.ph

BB. Pilipinas Universe Zorayda Andam and Bb. Pilipinas World Rheas Quimzon model the wedding gowns of Edwin Tan and Pepsi Herrera

LITO Sy Studio Inc., Nelson Villarica Photography and UR in Focus are the participating photographer-exhibitors in The Wedding and Home Show

A bride's crowning glory

She longs for her ex-boyfriend who's engaged to her friend

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

Taz, an officemate, was my boyfriend some years back. I was so in love with him when we were still together. I still am.

Our relationship lasted for only two years. Up to now I don't really know what went wrong. Taz suddenly became cold and distant until he finally left me. The pain was unbearable. He could have just told me he was seeing someone new. It would have been easier to let go. I wanted to resign from my job but I couldn't bear the thought of not seeing him.

Taz wanted us to remain friends, but I refused because it wasn't what I wanted. I never talked to him after what happened. I pretended to be brave.

I became close to Julia, also an officemate. I told her everything that transpired between me and Taz, how much I loved him and the pain he caused me.

Then Julia became close to Taz, who courted her. I was not surprised for I had noticed the looks Taz had been giving her, that same look he would give me when he was courting me. Julia said she valued our friendship, but she also confessed her feelings for Taz had grown. She wanted to give him a chance, but she needed to have my blessing first. Though it hurt me, I gave my consent.

Julia and I are still friends, but we're not that close anymore. She and Taz have been together for more than three years now. To hide the pain, I got involved in wrong relationships. I'm still in love with Taz but he's now happy with Julia.

LINDA

There are still many among us who wallow in self-pity, longing for things we used to have but we can only dream of now. Taz belongs to Julia and you would be better off focusing your attention on yourself and how you could learn from all this.

It seems that you have learned wrong. You have allowed the venom of envy to creep into your system. Now you're nowhere near your oasis because you have been poisoned by unreturned love and affection.

A part of you is still with Taz. You will never learn to speak the language of true love if you would stubbornly cry out for a man who no longer loves you.

There are times when we envy people who find their happiness when we should be happy for them. Times when it is revenge that motivates us instead—the genuine desire to improve our lives. Julia, don't be miserable because your friends are happy. Be happy for them and let go of any emotional baggage that will keep you from making a head start on a new journey in life.

Start walking now and don't look back. Take away the envy, hatred and pity in your heart because somewhere on your journey, you will find your own happiness and your love will be given back by the person destined to share life with you.

Listen to the full-length version of this story on Joe D' Mango's "Lovenotes" on Wave 89.1.

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Conforming to the law of God, the Church and our country

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Joseph Galdon, S.J.

JUSTICE is an extremely important element in our lives. We have lots of rules and we ought to be just and good. The dictionary says that "just" is an adjective which means righteousness. Therefore "just" is legally right and certainly conforming to the law of our country, the law of the Church, the need of others and the will of God. Justice, therefore, is a noun which means the maintenance or administration of that which is just. Justice, therefore, is righteousness in our lives.

Justice to God

Justice is also justice to God and not just in our obedience. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says justice is the constant and firm desire and will to give what is due to God and to our neighbors. This tells us that justice is really love. Justice consists in loving God with all our heart and mind and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. There is a nice song in one of the radio stations that says: "Heaven is waiting here to help us in our lives and in all that we need to be holy. That is the justice of God."

Justice is love

It is certainly true that justice is also love. Justice in our lives certainly consists of loving God with all our mind and heart and actions, and loving our neighbors like that and just as we love ourselves. We must be just with ourselves and also with God and others. St. Augustine also sees the link between justice and love. He says: "The first stirring of love is the birth of justice. A better love is very good justice. Perfect love is clearly perfect justice." The Pope, John Paul II also told us that: "Christ left us the commandment of love of God and of all our brothers and sisters in justice. This commandment covers all that concerns justice as well as love." These are good thoughts of St. Augustine and Pope John Paul about what justice should be!

Sources of justice

The Psalms are also a good list of the justice of the Lord. They are hymns in praise of God, thanksgiving of the love of God and petitions that will make us holy. The Psalms are also public worship and spiritual value. They are all very good thoughts. The details of the justice of the Lord are also revealed to us in the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. God gave us the details of justice in the 10 commandments: "I am your God and you shall have no God except me. You shall not utter the names of other Gods. You must keep holy the Sabbath Day. You must go to Mass. You must also honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal and you shall not bear false witness against your neighbors. You shall not covet your neighbors' house and you shall not covet your neighbors' wife or possessions."

Prayer for justice

There are many good prayers for our justice of God. Some of them say: "Dearest Lord, teach me to be just of You. I want to go where You lead me in justice and I will hold Your people in my love." So every day, dear Lord, I pray that I will be just, that I will know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly. Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous in justice. Teach me to give in justice and not to count the cost of it. I want to be just to You, Oh Lord, and do Your will. Oh Lord, help me to be generous in justice of You. Alleluia! Alleluia for justice!"

He's separated and two women are in love with him

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm 28 years old. I got married when I was only 22. The marriage lasted only 1½ years. My wife and I parted ways and haven't communicated since.

Two years ago, I had a relationship with a girl I fell madly in love with. She accepted the fact that I was married but separated and was willing to wait until I got an annulment. We had a romantic relationship and my love for her grew. Then, when I was ready to ask her to live with me, she broke up with me because her parents were opposed to our relationship. It hurt, but I respected her decision and let her go.

After a few months, I entered into another relationship. I knew I was unfair to the girl because my heart still beat for my past girlfriend. But this girl knew about my past and she accepted me for what I am. And, to our surprise, her parents accepted me when she told them about us. We planned to live together after a year with the blessings of her parents.

A few weeks ago, however, my ex-girlfriend called and wanted to revive our relationship. I told her about the new girl and our plan to live together. She was disappointed, but she keeps sending me sweet text messages. She said she wants me back. Should I stick to my girlfriend, or should I go back to the girl I still love but whose family would not accept me?

I haven't filed for an annulment, but I plan to do so soon. Will it be a problem if I were already living in with someone by the time I file for an annulment?

PEPPER99

I know a married man who was living with another woman and who filed such a petition. His wife responded by filing a concubinage case against him. He found himself in a major crisis. You see, conviction for concubinage entails a jail term—something that would not look good at all in the biodata of a senior government official, which he is.

He resolved the problem by withdrawing his petition for annulment in exchange for his wife withdrawing the concubinage suit. And to prevent revival of the latter, he stayed away from his live-in partner. I think the man, his wife and his girlfriend all lost in this case. But the biggest loser was his girlfriend.

The moral of the story? A married man who truly loves another woman should get an annulment first—not an apartment for him and the woman. The woman who falls in love with an estranged husband, on the other hand, should keep in mind that as long as his marriage has not been annulled, she has no other name but "mistress." And a mistress is subject to worse turns of fate than a wife is.

From that perspective, we can say that your first girlfriend's parents advised her well, while your present girlfriend's parents are too liberal for her own good.

Should you stick to your girlfriend now, or go back to the first? I think the best choice would be for you to stick to yourself and save both girls the pain.

I don't think you truly love your girlfriend now. If you do, then no sweet phone call or text message from your ex would give you second thoughts about sticking to your girlfriend now. I think the latter's main appeal to you now is only that she loves you and her family accepts you. Sooner or later, when those factors lose their appeal, and when living with her makes her so accessible, available and, therefore, commonplace, you'd probably be unhappy again and seriously think of leaving her. Even now, just with those sweet words from your ex, you're already half-thinking of leaving her.

And what could be gained by going back to your previous girl? A few stolen moments of bliss? How much would those be worth if weighed against the guilt she'll suffer for disobeying the good advice of her parents, or if compared to her painful realization that no matter how great the love you profess for her, you are still not truly hers?

I think the best course for you, *hijo*, is to stop creating further complications in your life and in the lives of those who love you. Therefore, do not rush back to your ex-girlfriend. Stay with your present girlfriend but, as gently as you can, call off your plan to live together, and you and she should stay away from the bed.

Your first priority, *hijo*, is to get a marriage annulment. See a lawyer about it now. Find out the financial and legal requirements; that way you can plan the petition better. After that annulment, you'll see that it is much easier to love and be loved.

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Educated wedding choices

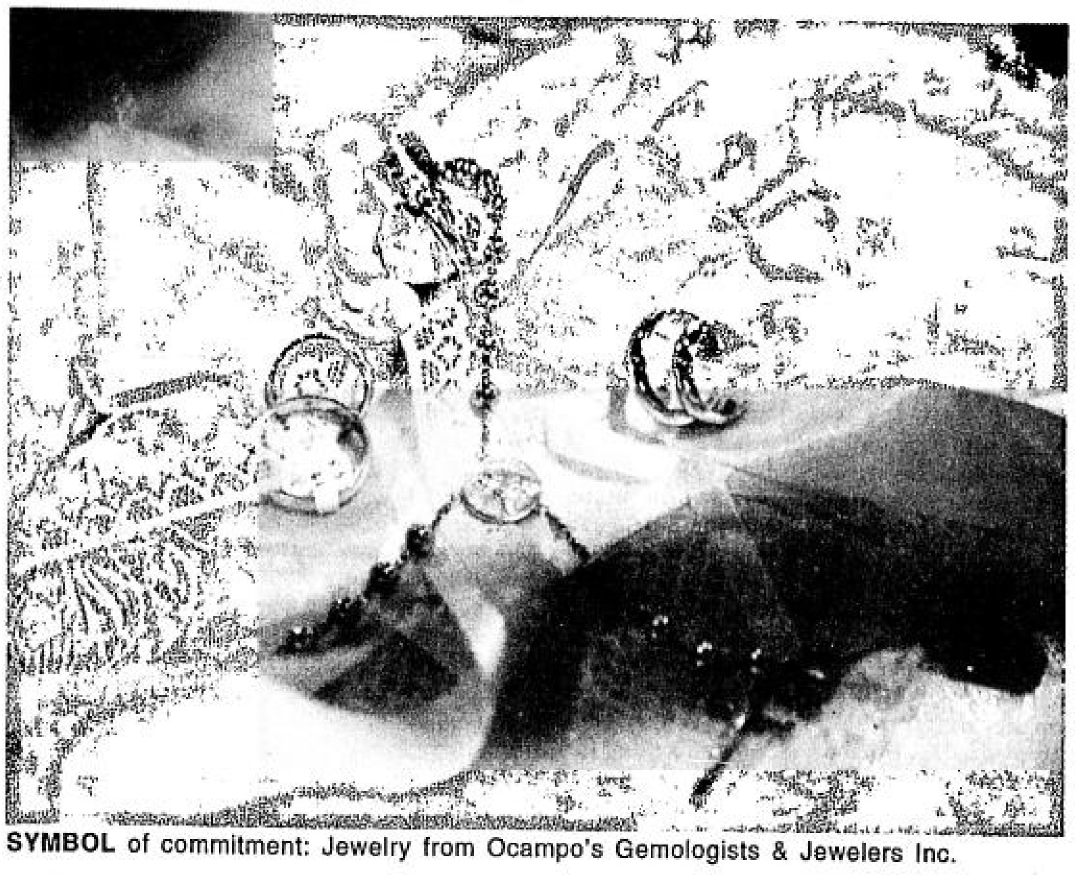
By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Mike Alquinto

IN TODAY'S changing society and environment, many couples are caught in the dilemma of whether to observe traditional wedding customs or jump into the modern era of getting married the simpler way.

So to help brides and grooms make the important decisions for their wedding day, Automatic Centre and BLIMS is presenting The Wedding and Home Show. Ongoing until Aug. 11 at the Automatic Centre and BLIMS showroom at 6797 Ayala Ave. corner Herrera St., Makati, it will feature informative seminars and sessions on prenuptial agreements, bridal fashion, feng shui, interior design, creative cooking for two, beauty and makeovers for brides, wedding planning and features the latest appliances and furniture and exhibits on wedding preparation trends.

With proper planning, one's wedding day will be romantic, exciting and memorable. The first step is to give yourself enough time.

According to Gigi Bautista of Gigi Bautista & Associates which is co-organizing The Wedding and Home Show, even if your wedding is small and less formal, one should still allow a lead time of six months at the very least. "Remember that you'll have your entire life to enjoy being married to each other so start it right. Take your time and enjoy all the pre-wedding parties, the shopping, the activities, the planning and excitement before that special day."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And to start it right, future brides and grooms can have one-on-one feng shui sessions with Joseph Chau until July 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. You can consult the primary figure of Chinese geomancy about anything for free—from the best day to get married to how to decorate your dream house.

Gigi Bautista will handle Wedding Planning 101 on July 21and 28 and Aug. 4, 2-3 p.m. The Bridal Fashion Consultation with Pepsi Herrera and Edwin Tan will be held on July 18-20, 24-27

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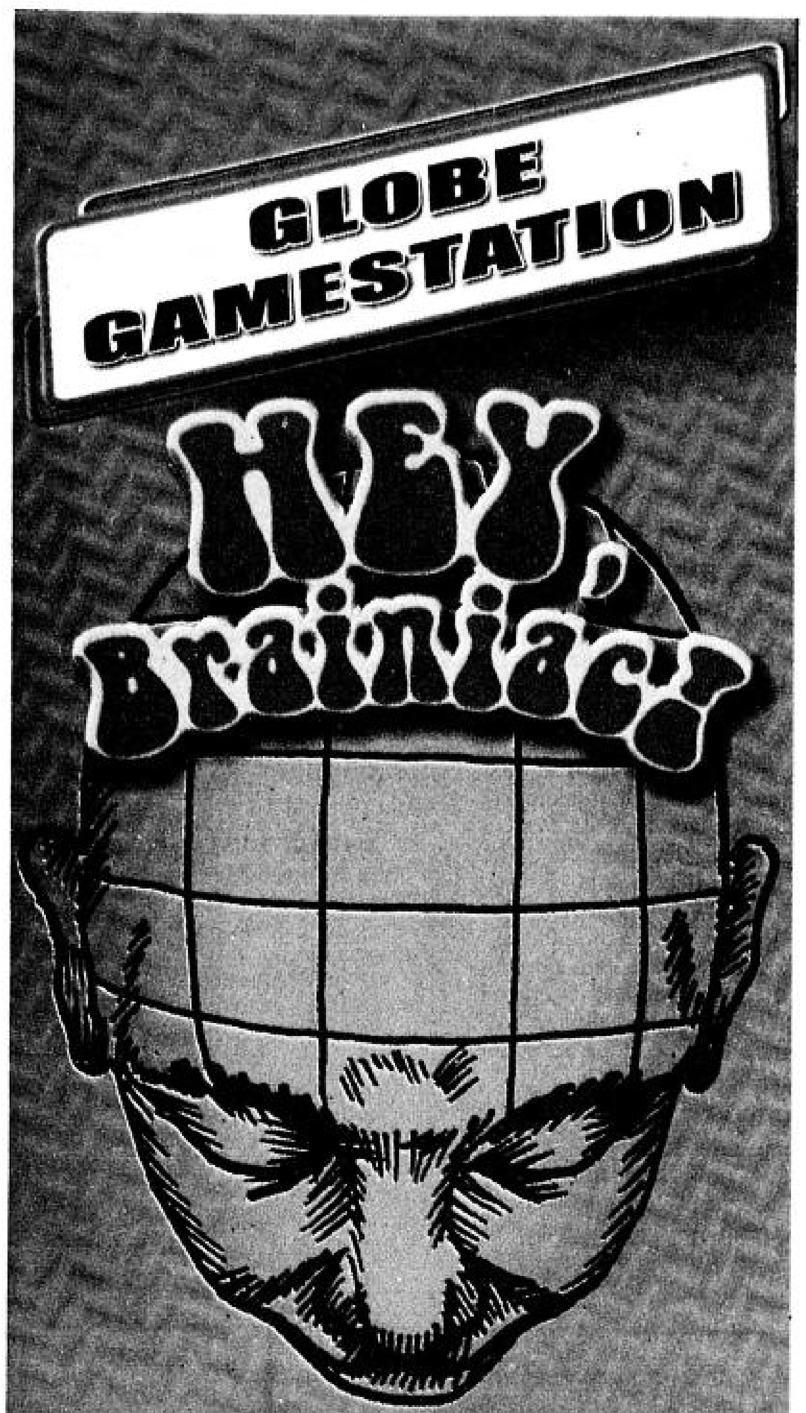
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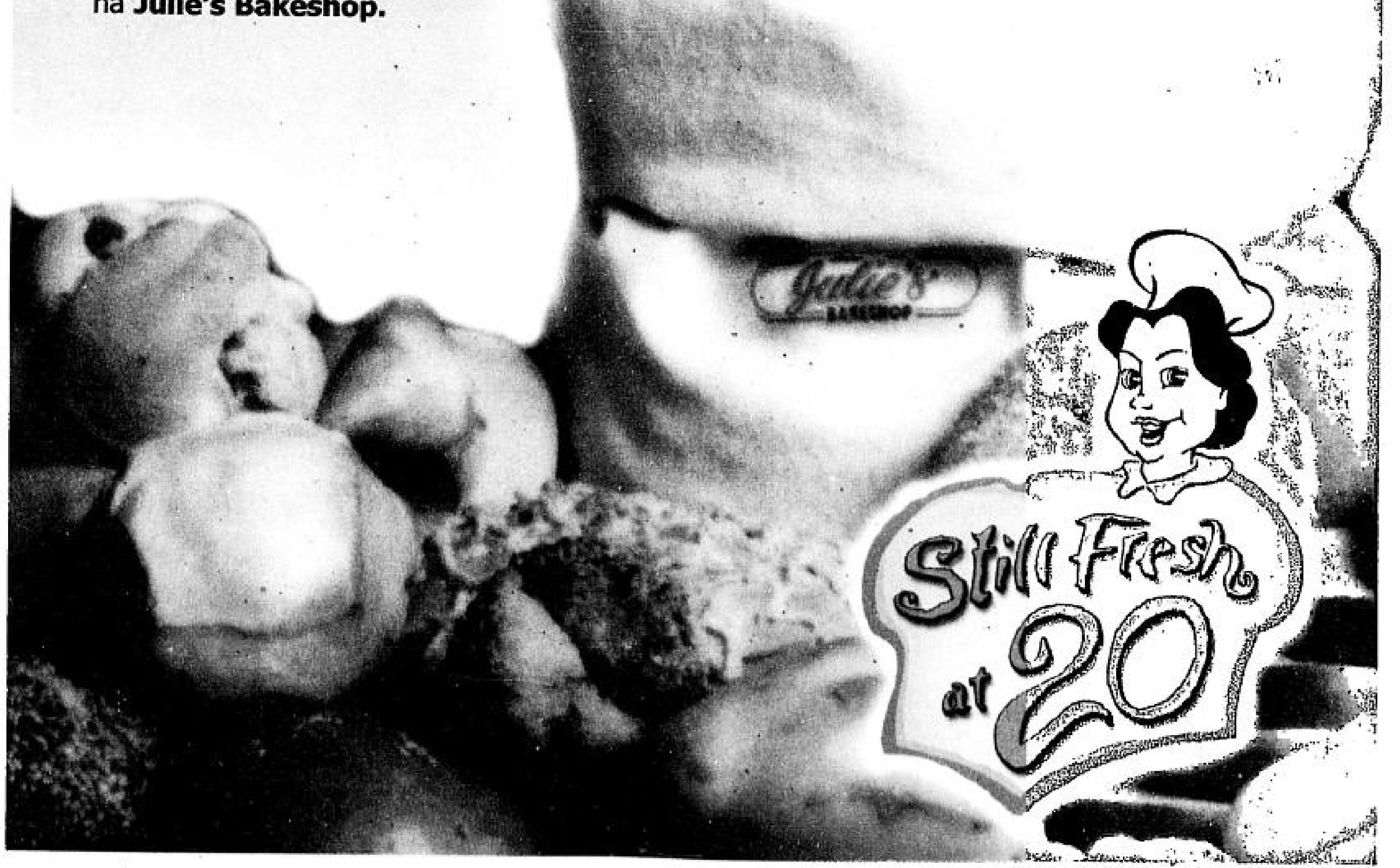

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TNT Trends & Trendings

SUPERMODEL Linda Evangelista is back and will grace the September US Vogue cover.

Comfortable yet stylish casuals and Linda Evangelista back in Vogue

BY ANTON SAN DIEGO

MUST-HAVE look for weekend dressing. We belong to a society of casual dressers. In the workplace, people dress down, opting for khakis and short-sleeved shirts for men and twin sets for women. How about on weekends? Many look quite sloppy. Think crunched-up hair, sandals, crumpled shirts, etc. For me, looking great and being comfortable are synonymous with denim wear. Check out Levi's cool engineered jeans and Helmut Lang jeans. Chloe jeans are also hot items these days. Jean jackets are perfect with a shirt or a tank top. Always keep in mind that casual dressing does not mean that you have to look like you just got out of bed. Look your best even if you're just going to the mall to watch a movie with friends.

Good Samaritan. Last weekend, I met an accident while driving home from Tagaytay. A shuttle bus lost its brakes, rammed my car from behind causing me to hit the Toyota Land Cruiser in front of me. My car was smashed front and rear. Although nothing happened to me, the incident left me in shock. Thank God, there were strangers kind enough to help me. The Land Cruiser I hit (which was not even scratched) was a back-up vehicle of **Harley Sy**, who told his men to help us out. The bodyguards stayed with us (read: three hours because of the police report) and even dropped us off in Makati. In this age of cynicism, it's refreshing to meet people who show genuine kindness to people in need. Thank you, Harley Sy and to your staff!

TNT tidbits. Linda Evangelista is back. The supermodel who was touted as someone who "wouldn't leave her bed for less than $10,000," will grace the cover of the September issue of US Vogue. This is great news for her fans and such action may spur other glam '80s models to do the same—come out of retirement, that is.

Hip casual dressing. I just heard that Rustan's (which is looking quite chic, hip and snappy these days) will be opening the popular Banana Republic and Gap stores by the end of the year. I am sure this will be welcome news to their legions of fans.

You know who you are. Is it true that this lady, who comes from a prominent family and ran (but lost) in the last elections, has changed her taste when it comes to lovers? TNT heard that she is going out with a lady singer, not that we mind for we believe in the power of choice, we are just wondering what her conservative family thinks.

So 5 minutes ago... We are halfway

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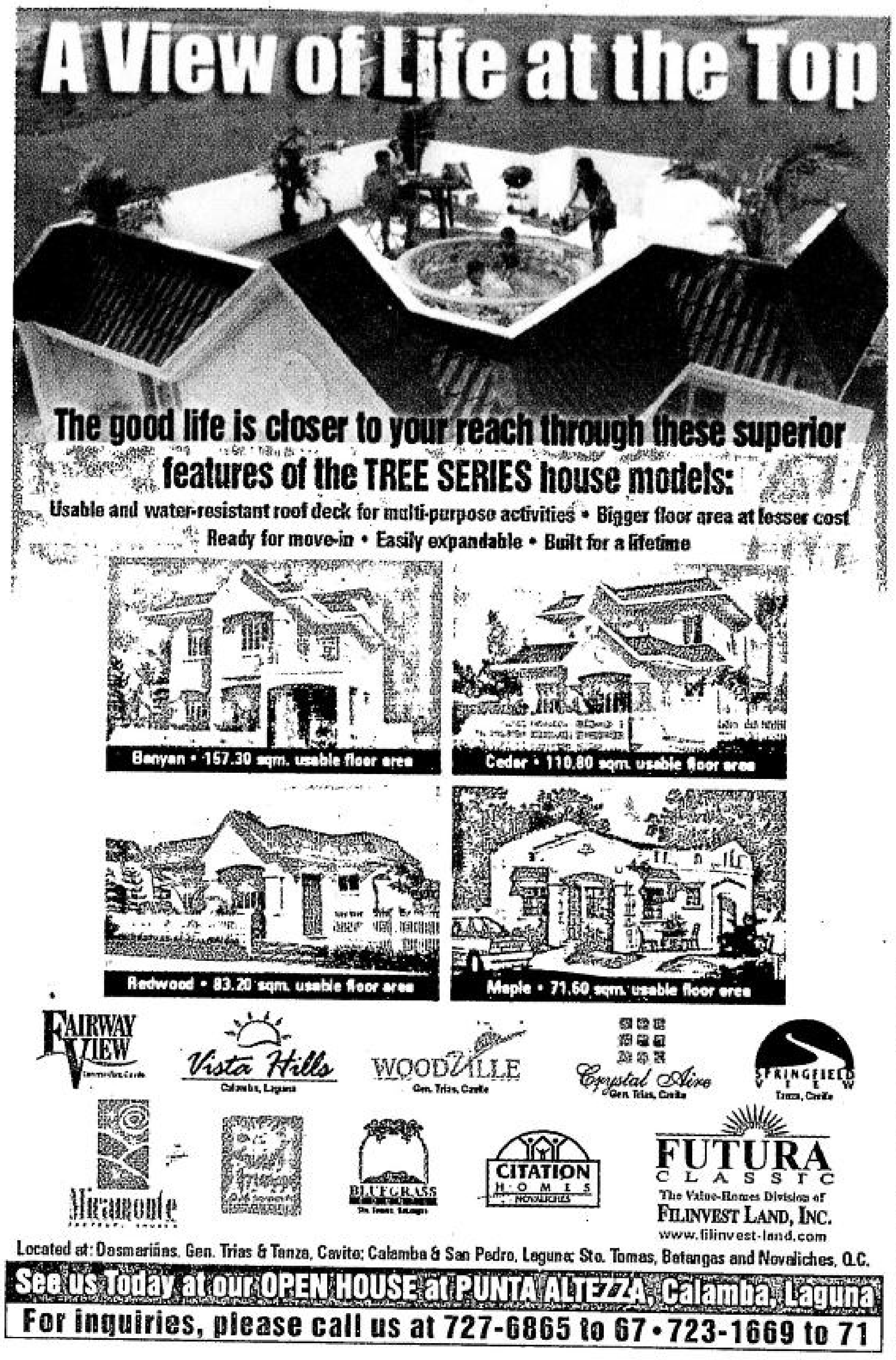

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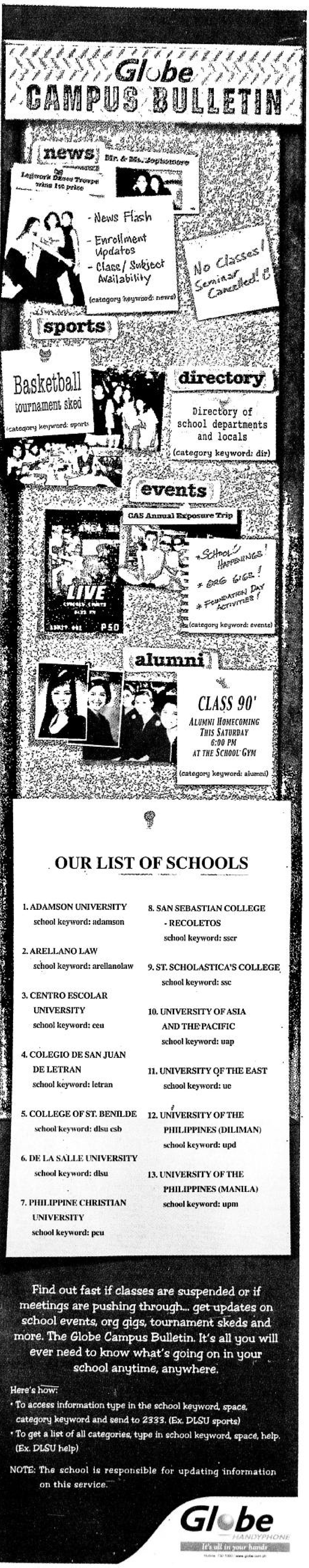

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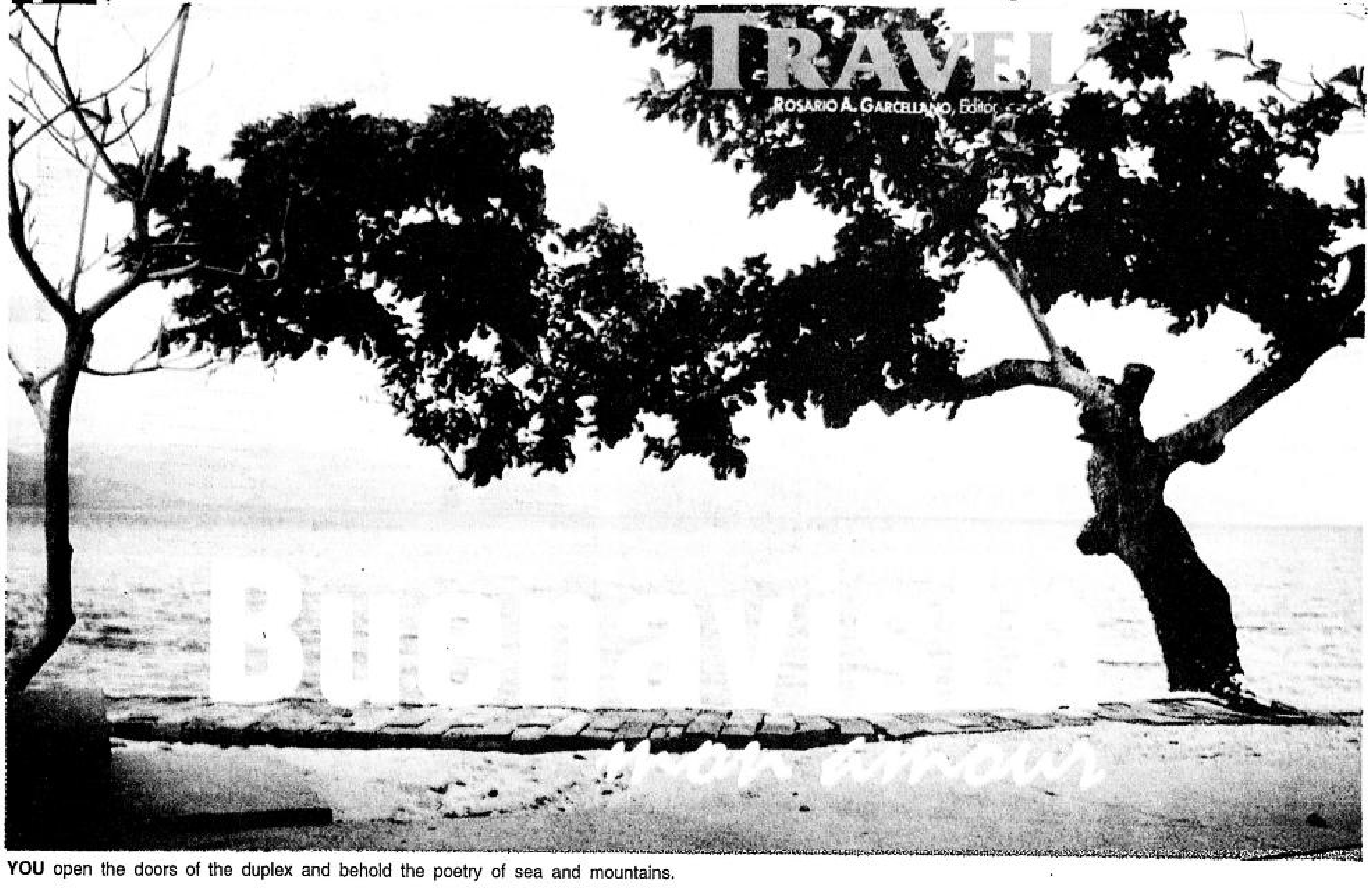


YOU open the doors of the duplex and behold the poetry of sea and mountains.

By Joni Feliciano

IN MAY I received this text message: "C'mon! jst hop on dat plane and get on d 3PM flight!"

It was sent to me by my dear friend, Mike Ayala, who was inviting me to his family's beautiful island retreat, and who was aware that I had just lost my grandmother and was trying my best to deal with the pain. I've saved that message to remind me that escape is just a text away when I'm ready.

Mike—a businessman and son of the Davao-based industrialist Chito Ayala and his wife Fe Ayala—and I are kindred souls, sharing a love for the sea, scuba diving and music, among other things. So, despite the attack two days earlier on the Barcelo Pearl Farm Beach Resort and the dire warnings about the Abu Sayyaf, true to my nature, I went.

The "garden isle" of Buenavista—a vision surrounded by the whitest sand—is 45 minutes away from Davao City by motorboat. Upon landing you are met by smiling attendants in sarong-type pantaloons, who welcome you with exquisite necklaces hand-made from indigenous materials. You instantly feel that you have just come home.

As you enter this paradise, you will notice the trellises with bougainvillea that lead you to the main building that looks like a pavilion or a family *sala*. Facing the ocean, it is an architectural masterpiece of massive logs and wood planks roofed by intricately woven *cogon*. The furniture, so comfortable, is done in wood and white canvas, with bulky cushions. You realize all the roofs in the island are made from the same woven *cogon* grass sheets.

There are shady trees, flowers and plants everywhere. Birds chirp from the trees, and surprise of surprises, peacocks (originally a gift of one pair and now numbering 14) stroll on the Bermuda grass (growing where it was once all white sand, thanks to Mike's mother Mafe, whose green thumb is legendary in Davao).

I was led to the family villa, which opens in several directions for a full view of the sea. It was designed to be comfortable, with three air-conditioned bedrooms plus two hot and cold baths. Some meters away, immediately facing the sea, is a duplex composed of two suites, each with air-conditioning and the most attractive outdoor garden baths equipped with hot and cold water.

I thought how wonderful it was to be surrounded by all this foliage even in the bath, where plants and vines "drip" from the sides of the walls and the ceiling! It was hard to choose, but I decided to stay in the family villa to be with my two young nephews and niece who, along with their parents, came with me.

For those who want something different, something more exposed to the healthy sea air, there are three other beautiful "outdoor rooms" with their own baths.

The architectural design of these beach huts was inspired by Mike's trips to Bali. Each allows one to just lie there, stare at the ocean, and marvel at the vista for as long as one wants.

Moveable feasts

In the middle of the island, hidden by a cluster of trees with drooping branches, is a swimming pool filled with fresh water especially brought in on a barge from the springs of Mt. Apo, Davao's highest peak.

There is a staff composed of two chefs and three waiters who constantly fed us, so that I had to tell them to take it easy on the food that would appear on trays wherever we were.

Interestingly, every meal was set up in a different location, maximizing the wonderful ambience of this island—under shady trees with the blue ocean in view during the day, and on the beach at night, complete with torches. It led us to look forward to each dining occasion.

The staff took pains to make every guest feel happy and at home, and we were served hand and foot wherever we found ourselves.

The island is truly comparable to the best private retreats in the world. It is so private that when you and your party are there, there is literally no other guest present.

The Ayalas purchased the tiny island in 1987. Time was when the family spent each Holy Week there with friends and other guests. The stations of the cross were placed on the surrounding trees, making the ritual all the more meaningful during Lent.

The dynamic combination of Mike's parents—a visionary father and an artistic mother whose contribution to the cut flower and orchid industry in Davao is no secret—made the transformation of the island almost complete.

Four hectares during high tide, its size is perfect: not too big and not too small, enough for one to be able to circle it in an hour or so, depending on one's pace.

The family aptly named it Buenavista, which is Spanish for "good view."

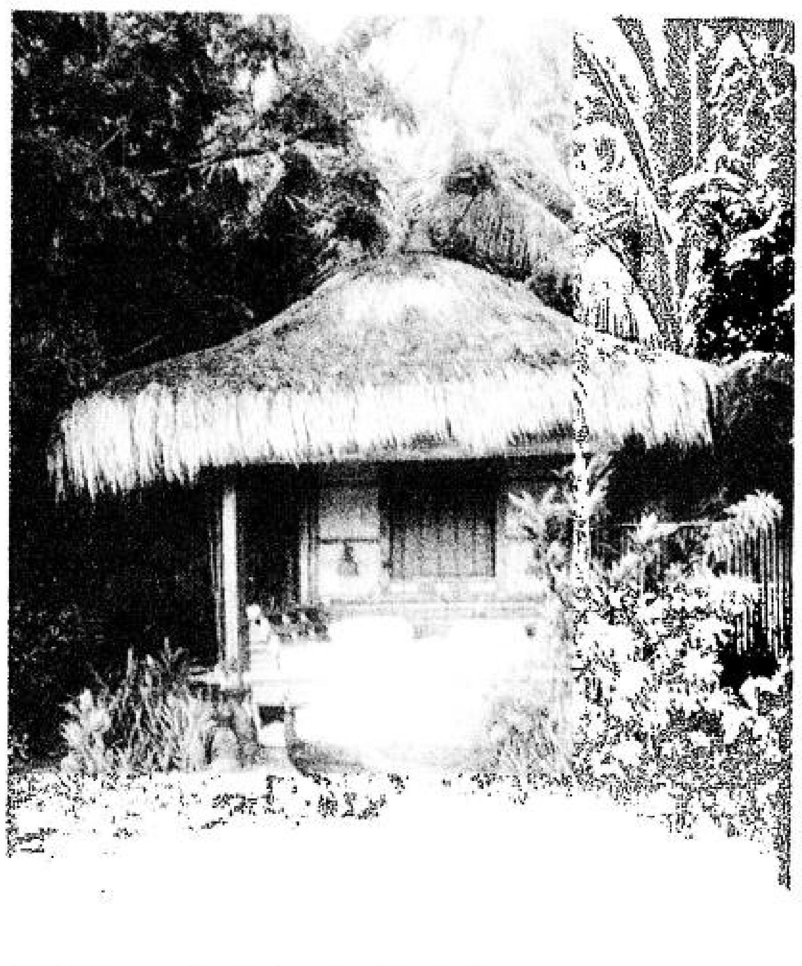
Marine sanctuary

The Ayalas have always had one of the best but unobtrusive security forces in the area. With the constant patrols, the family has been able to protect the marine life from poachers and dynamite fishing for years. Now, the waters surrounding the island have been declared a marine sanctuary.

Not doubting, yet not daring to believe, I slowly discovered the marvels found underwater. What we saw there was truly breathtaking.

We were well cared for by the island's operations manager, Lester Salinas, who doubled up as my dive master. Reminiscent of the character portrayed by the young Robert Shaw in "Jaws," he educated my companions on the temper of the water currents surrounding the island and the different marine creatures before we went in to snorkel or scuba dive. Mostly, his tips were on what and what not to touch.

Big or small fish, long or short, flat or round, striped or spotted, Lester knew them all.



PRETTY peacock strolls past a beach hut.

WATER from the springs of Mt. Apo fills this pool.

At certain times of the day at the other end of the island, you can observe the eels just dancing with the currents. And no matter how deep these colorful creatures were, you could see them because the waters were so clean and clear you could see as far as 15 feet below.

In the afternoons we were invited to simply dig in the sand for small clams. After a good rinse, they were ready to be prepared and cooked in a tasty soup for dinner.

At night the family gathered Maglites and scoured the shore for hermit crabs and other small crabs. I learned, quite reluctantly, from Lester how to grab a crab in a certain way so it wouldn't pinch me, to the cheers of my little niece and nephews. (I felt that all I had to do to complete the kids' amusement was to get chased by a barracuda while they cheered! Of course, with my luck, I found myself beside one. Good thing it was a baby barracuda. Whew!)

A small new crustacean I got introduced to was the *kayukom*, which was gathered with a sieve built of wood and a wire mesh. You shake the sieve, the sand escapes through the mesh, and what would be left are these tiny "sand crabs" looking like white beetles. Deep-fried, they tasted exactly like delicious crunchy shrimp.

DIVE master Senen Batoon shows off a basket of sea urchins.

Midnight

At midnight, we could find baby octopus by the shore.

Lester's dive buddy Senen Batoon, with his Navy Seal-like demeanor and physique, always had a disarming smile but was totally fearless in or out of the water. He showed us how to disable an octopus by quickly biting the side of its head so it would lose its aggressiveness. Eeeekk!

With Lester and Senen at either side, I went underwater feeling like Princess Ariel with her two bodyguards. From them I learned how to gather sea urchins with a stick and a basket. Senen taught me how to remove the spikes, crack the urchin open and take the buttery meat within, without fear. It's also known as *uni*, that expensive Japanese delicacy. You drizzle *calamansi* juice on it and douse it with soy and *wasabe*. (I came prepared and brought my own *wasabe*. When I first came to this island in 1991, all we had was vinegar.)

Since I was free-diving a lot, Senen invited me to come with him in the direction of the seven giant clams in the shallow area—or a depth of 10 to 15 feet—fronting the island. He put his hand at the mouth of each giant clam, taunting it to clamp shut, just to make sure I saw where each one was located.

There were also live conch shells, and with the permission of the island's two stewards, Lester and Senen, we took one and were shown how to let the occupant come out on its own before preparing to cook it with lots of garlic, soy and oil.

A poignant note: The only way to hear the ocean when you put a conch shell to your ear is when its occupant has left or been driven out of its own shell.

Memories

I remember jamming on this island years back with the Apo's Jim, Danny and Buboy, and with Mike on guitar. I was their lead singer, complete with a sound system and band set up and transported just for that purpose.

The island is greener now, and best of all, the Ayalas have decided to open it to the public. (The demand from friends has been that insistent.) But the management reserves the right to be "choosy," just to be able to preserve the place in the way it was originally intended.

Because I care about the state of our marine environment, it gave me a warm feeling to find a colorful variety of corals, starfish and the like thriving in the waters. In this underwater world so different from ours, I was reminded of life and the Infinite Presence. I came away convinced that there is a cosmic order where all things work together for the good of all, reminding us that even in times of uncertainty, life will continue around us and things will be okay.

So give in to the yearnings of your soul. Whether it be for a romantic date, a family holiday, a honeymoon, or an interlude to retreat from the city and commune with nature, rent this island and feel like you own it for a couple of days! It comes complete with the best marine life you will ever see all in one place, and right before your very eyes, close enough to touch.

The memory of each profound experience on Buenavista will sustain you even when you get back to life on the fast track, and you will realize that you have come to the next best plane of existence—a "quiet knowing" of your place in the universe.

I promise that you won't forget the whole uplifting sojourn for a long, long time.

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BALINESE structures inspired this room's design.

LUNCH is truly an experience when served here.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

'Total entertainment'

QANTAS recently unveiled its new $300-million "total entertainment" in-flight system which will be installed progressively in the airline's international fleet of 747-400s.

The project is due for completion next year.

Denis Adams, Qantas executive general manager for marketing, said the system featured individual video screens in economy class, larger screens with touch control in business and first class, and in-seat personal telephones in all classes.

"We will have two telephones mounted in the rear of each cabin for those wanting more privacy, and we are also introducing in-seat PC power in first and business class," Adams said.

He said this was the first upgrade of the airline's 747-400 fleet since Qantas introduced the first-class sleeper bed, the electronic Dreamtime business-class seat and the new slim line economy class seat in 1998.

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Other prizes up for grabs are five Samsonite luggage sets and 200 Hong Kong Tourism Authority bags.

Anniversary concert

LAGOS del Sol Resort in Cavinti, Laguna, is sponsoring today's anniversary concert of South Border at Padi's Mindave, a restaurant bar, art gallery and entertainment center on Mindanao and Congressional Avenues in Quezon City.

Gift certificates for two couples will be raffled off during the concert, giving the winners a free overnight stay in and access to leisure facilities at the resort overlooking Caliraya Lake.

Another sponsor of the anniversary concert is Sand Valley Beach Resort in Iba, Zambales, which will raffle off a gift certificate for two.

Three top bands—Traffic Jam, Power of 3 and Boko Jam—are also providing non-stop music at Padi's Mindave for the South Border concert. For inquiries, call 453-0080, 414-4930 to 34 or 925-3117.

Comfortable yet stylish casuals and Linda Evangelista back in Vogue

MUST-HAVE look for weekend dressing. Clothes by Chloe by Stella McCartney

(From page F1)

through the year and fashion and lifestyle trends have had their share of exciting winners and losers. This week, TNT gives you a list of what's passé; five minutes ago, a term I love (read: still in, but on the way out, so be warned), and what's hot.

PASSÉ	FIVE MINUTES AGO	HOT
Fendi baguette	Prada bowling bag	LV graffiti
Lipo	Botox	Clean living
Step aerobics	Powerboxing	Yoga
Versace	Roberto Cavalli	YSL
Broaches	Flower pin (à la "Sex & the City")	
Hip hop/Ravers look	Military/'80s look	Equestrian look/corsets
Chunky shoes	Square-toed shoes	Wedge and pointed shoes
Makati Supermarket	Price Smart	S & R Price
"Spin a Win"	"Pera O Bayong"	"Who Wants to be a Millionaire
Three Degrees	En Vogue	Destiny's Child
Blondes	Streaks	Natural highlights
Red	Lilac/Orange	White
Plastic watches	Square watches	Glammed-up diver's watches

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo Pendleton—The Nobu Awards. This week, our intrepid socialite and former Mare gives out awards for non-fabulous folks.

As my friends in Hong Kong would say, "Ai Yah"! I can't believe half the year has gone by. At my age, time just sort of slips away. So I thought I'd come up with my first semi-annual Nobu awards. To remind everyone, Nobu refers to non-fabulous. I've already given out two awards earlier this year—one to the non-Deeda Blair white trash in our midst and the other to that Charmin deprivation agent, Jose Go. So here they are: 1. **Dyed blond hair**—It looks great on **Jennifer Lopez** but you are Asian. Be proud of your looks. Trust me, the dyed blond hair makes you look like an orangutan and will not play in Peoria much less Paris. **2. Severe case of colonial mentality**—which prevents us from recognizing what is truly chic in our country. I am sick and tired of stores that ape what is chic in New York and Paris. I dare you to bring in a truly stylish New Yorker or Parisienne. I guarantee that they will view everything we think of as fashionable as the height of being passé. This is synonymous with the dyed blond hair syndrome and our awful practice of adoring *balikbayans* like stars just because they have foreign accents and dress like ghetto bunnies. Let's not forget that their parents were economic émigrés. Think *tiangge*, Vigan or Nora Aunor for a change. **3. Erap, the 11 senators who voted not to open the envelope and everyone else around them**—Filipinos are forgiving. While I think it is a wonderful trait, this does not serve us well. I think we should make sure that these people and anybody who consorts with them or does anything with them should be treated like social pariahs. Think of the good people of La Vista and how they have been able to make those cited above feel unwanted in their own village. They are the mud on your shoes and should be treated as such. Don't talk to them. I, for one, am tearing up **Loi**'s number. Then again, the only number I had of her was the one in Malacañang and we all know she doesn't live there anymore. **4. Our court system**—In general, the best money can buy. How about the Appeals Court ruling on the Jose Go case? What can I say? Nobus love each other. What do they think we are? Stupid? The glowing exception to this, of course, is Chief Justice **Davide**—bless him. For what we should do, please refer to No. 3 above. It holds for them, too. **5. Lopez companies**—I refer to Maynilad, Bayantel, Meralco, SkyCable, ABS-CBN and Rockwell. Why should we suffer for the Lopez family's insistence on taking on loads of debt? Why should Maynilad users pay higher rates than Manila Water users? Why should Bayantel subscribers who request disconnection be charged disconnection fees? Why is SkyCable forever out of service? (I pay my bills, thank you very much—so it's not that) Why is the picture on SkyCable so grainy? Why does Meralco send out a disconnection notice five days after the bill? Why do Rockwell owners have to pay so many fees? How many monsters has ABS-CBN created (a certain irritating female newscaster with a fixation on hairspray comes to mind here). Get the picture?

So you've read about the Queen Amidalas* for the first half of the year. While there is a lot of Nobu around, one must be truly Nobu to be tagged Queen Amidala of the Nobu.

*No connection to the "Star Wars" character.

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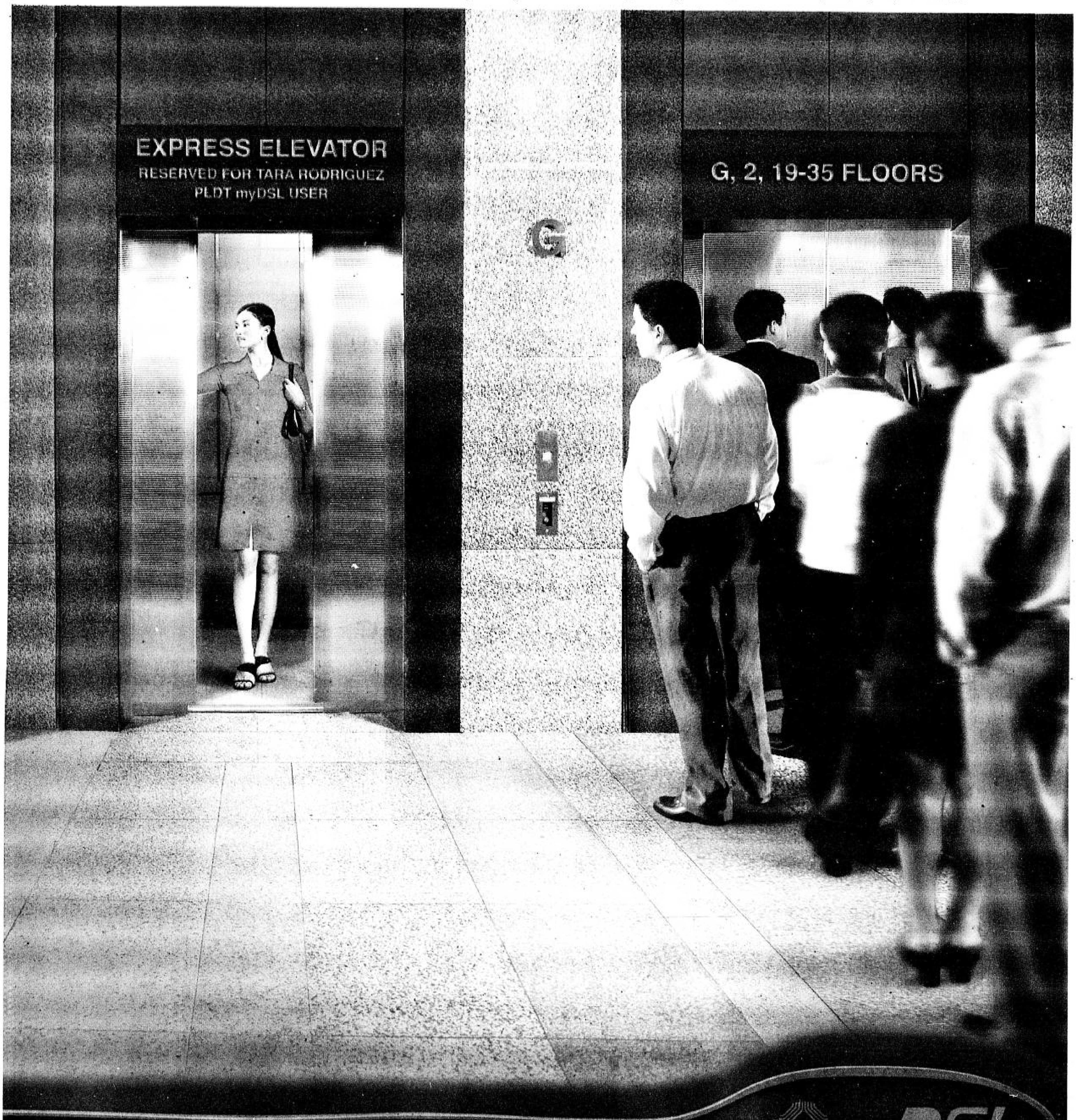

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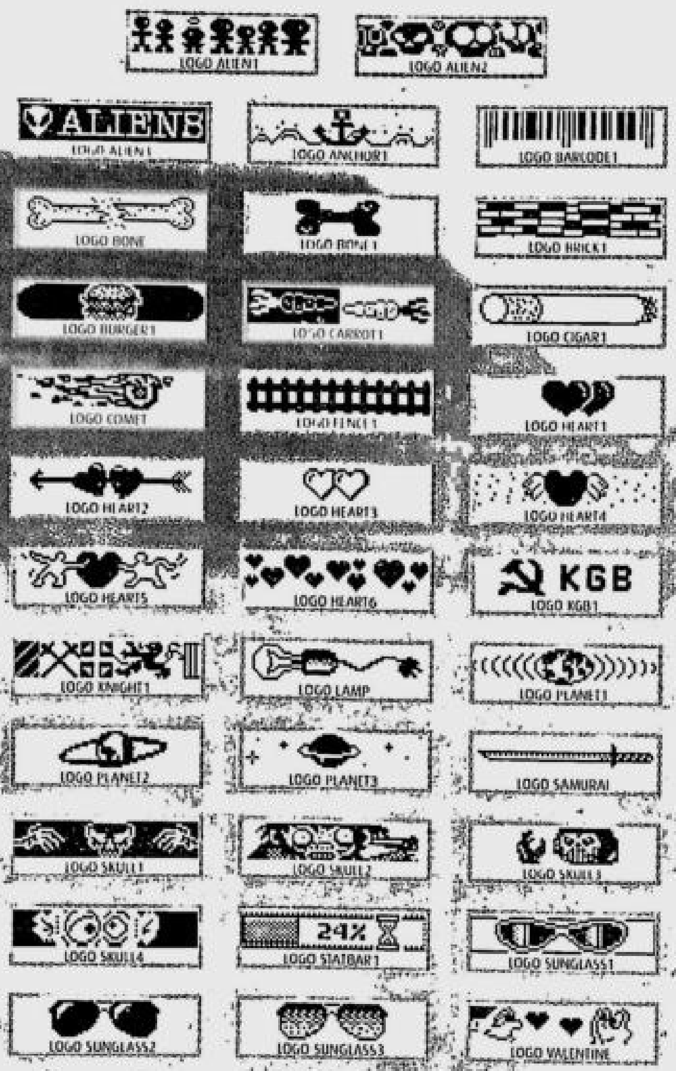
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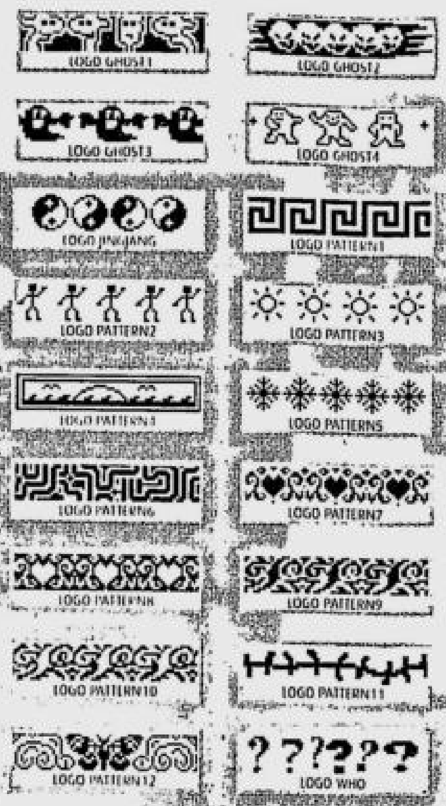
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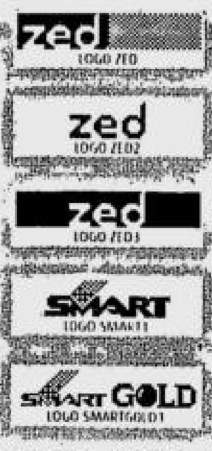
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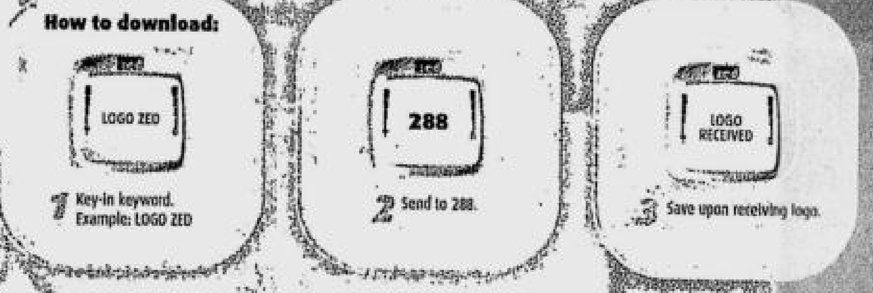
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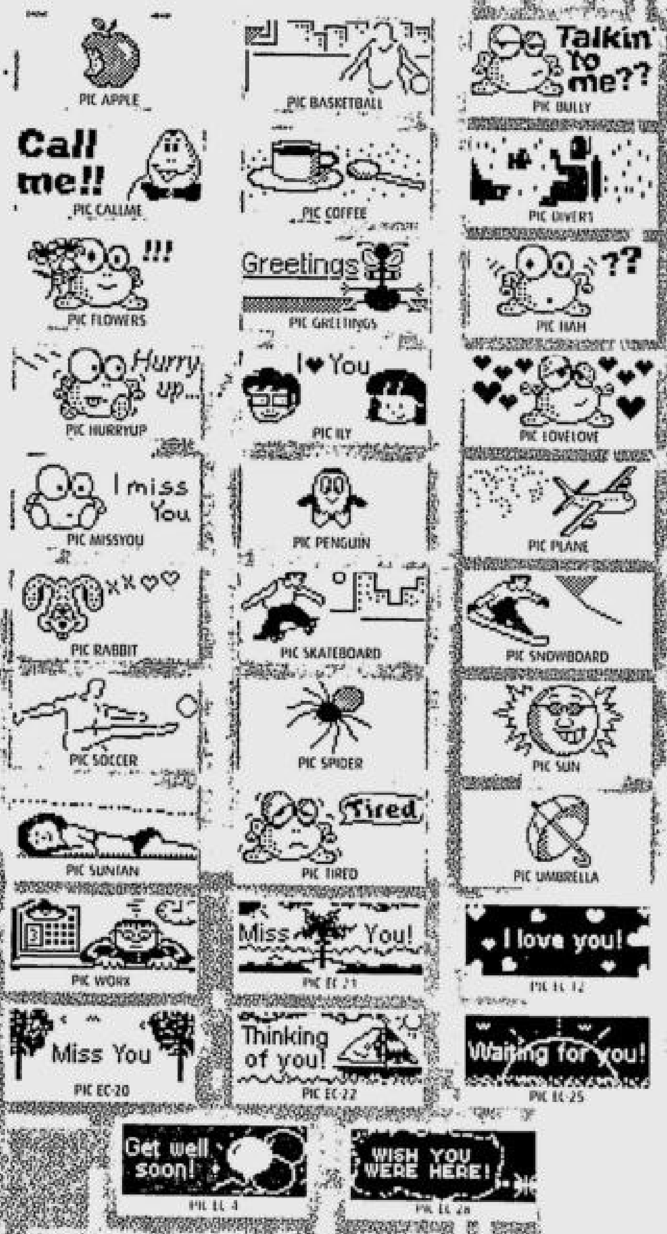
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Candidates for the position should have the following competencies:

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Philippines
Need for Consulting Services for the Preparation of a Project Investment Proposal for the Special Zone of Peace and Development (SZOPAD) Social Fund II

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The WBOM now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications. Strong preference will be given to firms which have Mindanao-based groups and key team members.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997 and January 1999)".

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 0900 - 1700 Hours, Monday to Friday, except holidays.

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23/F, The Taipan Place Building
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Attention: Mr. Richard Anson, Senior Rural Development Specialist & Task Team Leader
E-mail: Ranson@worldbank.org
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SENIOR FINANCIAL SYSTEM ASSISTANT

The Position:

- Responsible for assisting in special assignments in the maintenance and implementation of ADB's LIBOR based new loan (LBL) products-project management system in the Disbursement Operations of the Controller's Department;
- Assists in the review, design, maintenance and implementation of the LBL products-project management system;
- Assists in establishing books and records for the new loan products;
- Assists in the design of new report requirements;
- Assists in maintenance and development of disbursement processing and administrative procedures, prepares disbursement reports and statistics on LBL product and proposes new report formats; and
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ASSOCIATE FINANCIAL SYSTEM ANALYST

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The Requirements:

- College degree with specialization and/or experience in banking and finance, auditing, accounting, and Information Technology; an MBA with certification in accounting, financial analysis and/or computer background would be an advantage;
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- Knowledge in the field of information technology with some experience in programming, system design and project administration.

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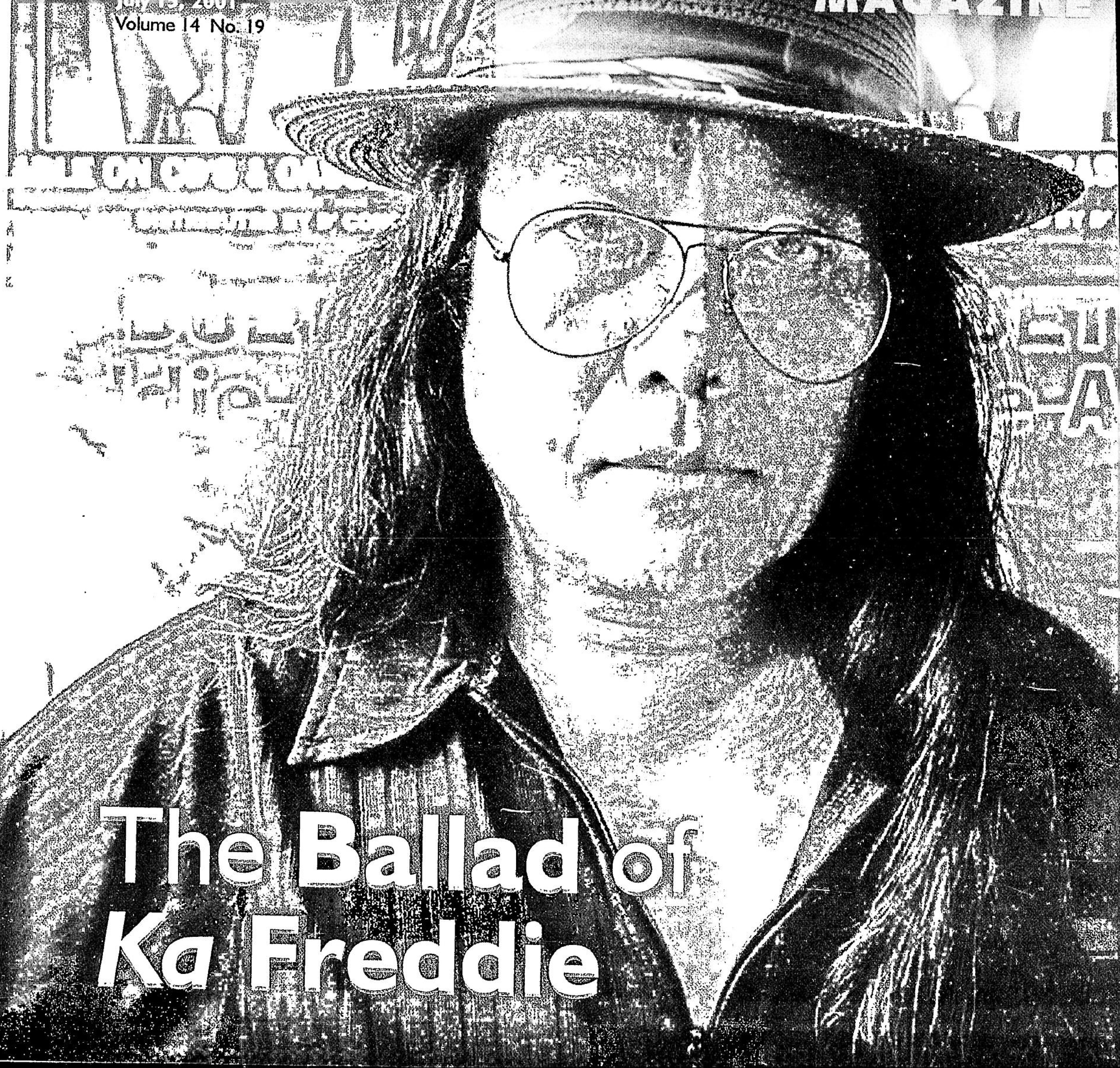

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FASCINATED BY ASIN

May I congratulate you for the very nice issue last June 3, 2001? My special thanks and praise for the article "Salt of the Earth," a write-up on the group Asin. As a parish priest of Buenavista, Agusan from 1961 till 1964 and again from 1979 till 1985, I knew Pendong Aban as a little boy and saw him grow up. So I've always been fascinated by the group Asin. Their songs lived in my heart and still do.

Would it be too much to ask how I could contact Pendong Aban and how I could get a copy of their comeback album? If possible I would like to have their songs on CD. Many thanks for your kindness.

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(You can contact Pendong Aban and Asin through their record company, Vicor Records, at tel. no. 721-8706.)

DEAR JANICE

I do not know you personally, but I literally grew up with you as I grew up in Manila watching "Flordeluna." Now I am a wife and a mother of a newborn boy. You are a woman who loves unselfishly and unconditionally, and because of that and your love for your family and kids, you are always willing to put yourself last. You give despite the hurt, and you realize at some point in time that you get exhausted because people keep on taking. It is nice to know that no matter how hard it was for you to give up something so important, you did. Because now you have learned to love yourself. That is what matters – not the pressure of thinking you failed somehow, or you did not meet people's expectations of you. It is your life, and it takes more courage to get out of a bad relationship than to stay in a miserable one. You are in my prayers. God bless you!

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CHILD STARS

I really enjoyed your article on child superstars (**SIM**, 17 June 2001). They truly serve as an inspiration to the youth. I just wish you could have also featured Lea Salonga. I believe hers is an exceptional story to draw inspiration from.

The child stars featured are also role models since, while they grew up in front of the camera admired by the public, they were not only pretty faces but had exceptional talents, and were able to prioritize their studies. Hope to see Lea in your future issues. Thanks.

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OOPS!

Erratum: No, we're not playing with our fonts again to make the magazine harder to read, dear readers. Due to a technical glitch, however, the font which appeared in the text of our stories last issue (8 July 2001) was the wrong one. Rest assured that we've eliminated the problem (he's dead now – KIDDING!) and are back to our old font this issue. Thanks for your understanding, and we hope you didn't get headaches.

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The Cover Image Refusing to sing the blues, Freddie Aguilar is fully focused on reclaiming his prodigal song "*Anak*"
Photographed by Ernie U. Sarmiento

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Cover Story
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Freddie Aguilar faces a copyright battle as emotionally draining as a child custody case. But it's bound to set a precedent for other aggrieved composers.

Whose 'Anak' Is It, Anyway?

LAST MONTH, FANS OF PINOY FOLK ICON FREDDIE AGUILAR WERE STUNNED BY THE NEWS THAT THE SINGER HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN HIS OWN HOME, TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY, BOOKED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED ON A P6,000 BAIL.

The reason: a criminal suit brought against Aguilar by his music publisher for "infringement of copyright." Three years earlier, Aguilar granted Star Cinema the license to use his signature song *"Anak"* for the film of the same title starring Claudine Barretto and Vilma Santos. This is in violation of Republic Act 8293, the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, maintains plaintiff Bayanihan Music Philippines, Inc. (BAMI); they own the copyright to the song.

Many were shocked to learn that the song Aguilar is most identified with may not, in fact, be his. How could anyone else own *"Anak"*? As a struggling young folk singer in Olongapo in the mid-'70s, Aguilar was already performing the simple but indelible tale of a prodigal son's regret, set to a haunting minor key melody that etched itself into your memory once you heard it.

"Anak" was a prize winner at the Metropop Festival in 1978, and won Aguilar a recording contract with Vicor Records the same year. The song was a record-breaking instant smash, not only in the Philippines but in countries as diverse as Japan, Holland and the US. *"Anak*'s" theme and melody held a universal resonance, it seems, and by some counts it has been recorded in as many as a hundred versions in 23 languages throughout the world. In 1983, Billboard magazine – the music business bible — reported that *"Anak"* had sold six million copies worldwide. This was, to say the least, unprecedented for a Filipino artist.

Freddie Aguilar wrote *"Anak,"* but *"Anak"* made Freddie Aguilar. Now he is embroiled in a custody battle that promises to be as heated and as emotional as any child custody case. As of this writing, the case is being heard by the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

"I am the author of *'Anak'*," says Freddie Aguilar. "I am *'Anak.' Buhay ko 'yon* (that song is my life)."

It is a slow night at *Ka* Freddie's Music Restaurant along a lonely stretch of Marcos Highway, and it takes a while to register that the female folk singer warming up the crowd – such as it is — is singing Dylan. "Don't stink wise, it's all right." Her diction leaves something to be desired, but *Ka* Freddie has a soft spot for struggling self-accompanied singers, even if no one listens to folk music anymore except graying, middle-aged beer drinkers nostalgic for the old days at the Red Cow or the Kola House or the Bodega. He himself was only 16 years old when he left home, dropping out of school against his parents' wishes, to pursue the uncertain life of a musician. It was during those difficult years as a starving folk singer, when he was wondering if his parents were right after all, that he penned the nakedly autobiographical lyrics of "*Anak*." In the song, the prodigal son regrets his own stubbornness, and wishes he had listened to his parents. In real life, however, *"Anak*"'s success vindicated Aguilar's decision.

"*'Anak*' was the biggest song ever produced by a Filipino record company," he continues. *"Ang masakit doon, lahat ng gumamit ng* 'Anak' *yumaman na* – except for the author. I was so busy promoting the album overseas that I didn't have any live concerts here. *Wala tuloy akong kita. Pero nagbunga naman. Sumikat ng husto ang* Tagalog version (I didn't earn anything. But it paid off. The song's Tagalog version took off)."

In March 1978, according to the practice prevailing in the recording industry at the time, Aguilar signed a standard contract with BAMI – the publishing arm of Vicor Records — under which, for the sum of one (1) peso, he assigned the rights to *"Anak"* and nine other

songs to the publishing company.

This was the same type of contract signed by many popular composers of the day, including Rey Valera, George Canseco and Levi Celerio. Most artists enter into agreements with publishing companies for one reason: so someone can monitor the usage of their compositions and collect the royalties due. A 50-50 split of all monies between artist and publisher was not uncommon. Nor is it uncommon for the publisher to transfer the copyright to the compositions in their name. The common reason given is so they can spare the artist the tedious chores of collecting royalties and litigation, should the need arise. Most artists prefer to concentrate on their art, and leave the business details to managers. As a result, a significant number of Filipino artists don't own their own songs.

He was young and naïve and in a hurry to make it as an artist when he signed with Vicor and BAMI, he recalls.

"Inaamin ko na wala akong alam noon," he confesses. "All I remember is (then Vicor Records head honcho) Vic del Rosario telling me: *'Sa akin ka sumama, patatabuin kita ng pera* (You stick with me and you'll be making big money).' I didn't even know that there was a difference between the recording contract and the publishing contract. *Alam ko lang, eto na ang* break *ko*."

Aguilar obtained a copyright registration for "*Anak*" at the National Library, which is the government agency assigned to take care of copyrights, in April of 1978. But in August the same year, BAMI also obtained a copyright registration for "*Anak*" on the basis of the contract.

Intoxicated with the fame, if not the fortune, Aguilar says he neglected to pay close attention to the details of his relationship with BAMI.

Under the terms of the contract, Aguilar as the author and BAMI as publisher would split 50-50 any income derived from the sale of the rights, including "mechanical rights, electrical transcription and reproducing rights, motion picture synchronization and television rights, and all other rights" pertaining to "*Anak*" and the other songs listed.

Like most recording artists, however, Aguilar has no way of keeping track of how many copies his records sell, specially overseas. He has no way of knowing how many versions of his songs have been recorded by other artists in other countries, and how many copies their records sell. He is dependent on the sales reports and royalty statements submitted quarterly by BAMI, but he says he can never be sure if the figures are accurate.

"In 1983 Billboard reported that '*Anak*' had sold six million copies worldwide, but I only got a gold record and a platinum award. I never received any international royalties until the 1990s, when I joined the Performing Rights Society of London. In 1992, I got about P300,000 in one quarter. How much more should it have been 10 years earlier, when '*Anak*' was No. 1 in Japan and Germany?"

"*Anak*" is not his only composition that should be scrutinized, adds Aguilar. In the same album as "*Anak*" was a song called "Buhay Nga Naman ng Tao." A few years after it came out, American country singer Lee Greenwood recorded an English version of it called "Think About The Good Times." Subsequently Greenwood won the Grammy for best country artist, and sold millions of copies of the album including Aguilar's composition.

"*Kahit singko wala akong nakita sa kanta na 'yon* (I didn't get even five centavos for that song)," rues Aguilar. The same is true for the better-known hit "Magdalena," whose ownership is being claimed by Ivory Records, a sister company of Vicor Records and BAMI.

Eventually, Aguilar formed Aguilar Music Productions, his own record company. But his greatest (and most lucrative) hits remain in the catalog of BAMI. Nevertheless, based on a working arrangement with the publisher, Aguilar says he has been exercising his option to sell the rights to "*Anak*" since 1983, honoring the agreement to split the proceeds 50-50 with BAMI. After the February 1986 revolt, Vicor Records and its subsidiaries were sequestered by the government as a crony corporation. It was eventually bought by its present owners. But while it was under the PCGG's receivership, says Aguilar, he used "*Anak*" freely without a peep from the publishers.

In 1997, Aguilar gave Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. the right to use "*Anak*" as the basis for a campaign jingle, for a nominal fee of P50,000. This prompted BAMI to file a civil case of copyright infringement against the senator and Aguilar. Magsaysay eventually settled out of court, but the case against Aguilar is still pending. In the current criminal case, Star Cinema also opted to settle out of court with BAMI, rather than face a TRO that might have scuttled the movie's premiere and delayed its showing.

Aguilar is not totally alone in his current legal battle, however. Representing him is lawyer Rod Domingo Jr., best known as counsel for the human rights victims of the Marcos regime. And while BAMI, upon the advice of its lawyers, declined to comment on the case, Domingo is more forthcoming. He says this is as much a rights issue as his more famous case.

"I maintain that Freddie Aguilar is the owner of '*Anak*,' and thus cannot be deprived of his rights," he says. Domingo is no stranger to copyright law, having done legal work in the past for FILSCAP, the local composers' society.

"I do this work pro bono because I believe in the cause of the composers and I want to help them," he adds. "*Talagang naaapi sila*. Most of them cannot even engage the services of a lawyer. *Ang kalaban nila, mayayaman* (They are really abused. Their adversaries are rich people)."

There are many other composers facing similar legal battles, he says, among them such well-known artists as Mike Hanopol, Yoyoy Villame and Charo Unite. But in Aguilar's case, Domingo believes he is on firm legal ground. He summarizes his arguments thus: the publishing contract is null and void, and BAMI therefore has no basis for claiming the copyright for "*Anak*." If there is an aggrieved party in this suit it is none other than Freddie Aguilar himself, because he has yet to receive his full due.

No artist in his right mind would sign over his creations for one peso," adds Domingo. Most of the artists who signed these contracts understood them to be arrangements for the collection of due earnings, not absolute deeds of sale.

Be that as it may, it is now up to the courts to decide. The sad thing about it is that music – one of the most uplifting of the arts – is here reduced to its basest level: a commodity. In many ways, it is a case of "Where's my f---ing money?"

The irony of his current situation is not lost on Freddie Aguilar.

"There are hundreds of people infringing on copyrights in Quiapo everyday, and they cannot do anything about it," he says, referring to the brisk sales of pirate CDs in Manila – including "Freddie Aguilar's Greatest Hits."

"Instead they chose to file a suit against the author of '*Anak*.'"

Still, he welcomes the lawsuit as an opportunity to reclaim his creation, and perhaps set a precedent for other composers in the same predicament.

"I want to get '*Anak*' the right way," he says. "I want the courts to affirm that I really own it."

Poetry

For the Critic

Your cold eyes
Won't tame
My poem. Soon
I'll break
Your crown,
Your Damoclean clipper.

But then
I'm smarter: I have
Yet to run
The first lap
And plant a star on the chart.

Lorenzo A. Fernandez, Jr.

Eksena sa Birhaws

Tunay na tunay kung bumigay
si Esmeralda sa isang
pinausukang birhaws sa Ermita.
Maharot ang dating
at makamandag kung siya'y gumiling.
Mala-gatas ang kanyang balat,
daig pa ang isang bangus
sa palengke
na lamog na sa salat.
Si kumander ay kalbaryo
at ang plor syow ay paraiso
nang lasingin muna ni Leandro
ang sinumpaang pangako.
Maya-maya pa ay hubad na
at nagmamakarena
ang mga pawisang bote sa mesa.
Basyo na ang mga palakpak
at sumusuka na ang mga halakhak
kaya't nakisawsaw muna si Esmeralda
sa isang rawnd teybol
kung saan nagtatampisaw sa sarap
ang isang pating kasalimuha
ang iba pang matatabang isda.

Amadeo M. Mendoza

Langib

Pinagtitiyagaan, kinukutkot.
daig pa'ng iskultor sa detalye.

unti-unti'y iaangat, susuriin.
tapos, dahan-dahan, ibababa ulit.

at magsisimula na naman.

mababasag. tutuklap.
ang pilit na inuukilkil,
matututunan din:

sariwa pala't
malalim pa rin
ang sugat.

May M. Tobias

LIVING IN THE HIGHEST

The Luxury of Doing Good

The need to do what comes natur'ly

by Pete F. Galvez

> God ... is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us...
> EPHESIANS 3:20

If you had a billion US dollars, and you could easily afford a Rolls Royce car, you still wouldn't really need one. But if you're the showy type (though not all Rolls Royce owners are showy), you'd certainly think you *have to* own one. Definition: *A luxury is something you don't need but can't do without.*

Doing good, however, is a luxury *we all need* and simply can't do without! Think about this: "He that does good to another man does also good to himself; not only in the consequence, but in the very act of doing it. The consciousness of well-doing is an ample reward" SENECA (C. 4 B.C.-A.D. 65).

Drivers know that giving way to a fellow driver, the observance of simple road courtesies, pumps up good feelings from within — for both giver and receiver! (Johann Richter said, "Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good. Try to use ordinary situations.") From another ancient sage: "The good man is his own friend" SOPHOCLES (C. 496-406 B.C.) . . . as he (being good) is a friend to others. Truth endures through the ages.

Webster's New Dictionary of Synonyms describes a good person as one who is known to have such appealing qualities as kindness, generosity, helpfulness, and deep sympathy.

The Good Book, as the Bible is known (and our manual of operations for goodness' sake), conveys some basic principles: Goodness's includes generosity that shares with those in need (see ROMANS 12:13; EPHESIANS 4:28b). It cares about others in a practical way, sharing both material and spiritual blessings without boasting or seeking thanks. Barnabas is an example (ACTS 11:24). How about "Do for others what you would like them to do for you" (Matthew 7:12). And "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 19:19).

Exemplary goodness, anyone? Two true stories —

Remember Leo Durocher's pronouncement, "Nice guys finish last"? It happened in 1992 in the marathon tandem kayak racing event at the world championships in Copenhagen. Danish paddlers were leading when their rudder was damaged in a portage. British paddlers, who were in second place, stopped to help the Danes fix it. The Danes went on to defeat the British by *one second* in an event that lasted nearly three hours. But there's a happy ending to this story, too. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the British kayakers won what many people regard as the highest honor in sports. They became the winner of the *Pierre de Coubertin International Fair Play Trophy*. The trophy is named after the founder of the modern Olympic Games, and it has been awarded annually for the past 28 years to people in sports who have demonstrated nobility of spirit.

Right here at home recently, a janitress at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport comes across an envelope containing US$10,000 cash. She returns this to its Indian owner, who doesn't even bother to say thank you. Asked why she didn't just keep it for herself, she simply replies that it isn't hers. A few days later she receives a reward of P10,000 from an admiring, visibly touched private citizen, with an open invitation to work in Hong Kong or Singapore. As of this writing, she says she's still thinking about her working abroad.

"Both rarities," you might say. But I'd say it's doing what comes natur'ly — because that's the very stuff man is made of. Christians who know their Bible will agree that man is made in the image and likeness of God. And this includes goodness, one of God's communicable attributes.

The *Imago Dei* in our system establishes and reinforces our nature to do good. To do otherwise is to go against our nature. In fact, tension and stress choke us in our anger, in our selfish, self-centered, intolerant, impatient, inconsiderate, generally hurtful ways — often leading to illnesses like heart trouble. And strained relationships. Even destroyed lives. Indeed, going against our nature is self-destructive.

When we give, love, and serve with our whole being — even to the point of self-sacrifice — a feeling of well-being sets in; doing good is known by medical science to produce good health. Doing what comes natur'ly (the *Imago Dei* principle, with God's power working in us) nurtures and is evidence of mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. Because doing good greatly reduces a lot of stress in daily living.

However, doing good per se is not good enough. Motives: Is it for currying favor, expecting something in return (like a commercial transaction), hidden agendas, something to boast about? Shades of shallow goodness. "We always love what is good or what we think is good: it is in our judgment of what is good that we can make mistakes" JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU. Unless . . .

Christian author Eugenia Price describes the foundation of man's deep down goodness: "Good will toward all men is a result of the invasion of the supernatural! A state of good intention with 'heartiness and cheerful consent' toward all mankind, if Webster is correct. A state of heart so extraordinary as to be unheard of, except by those who have been hurled out into the place of joyful, utter despair with themselves where they are finally allowing Jesus Christ to be Himself in them!"

Ask those who've experienced God's power (the energizer for doing good) from within and they'll readily agree to Jesus Christ's statement: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing" JOHN 15:5 NLT.

Moreover, "Real goodness does not attach itself merely to this life — it points to another world. Political or professional reputation cannot last forever, but a conscience void of offense before God and man is an inheritance for eternity" DANIEL WEBSTER (1782-1852).

Finally, "The heart of a good man is the sanctuary of God" ANNE-LOUISE-GERMAINE DE STAËL (1766-1817).

In your own experience, doesn't it feel real good — refreshingly, exhilaratingly good — to *be* good and to do good?

Let's learn *and enjoy* the luxury of doing good.

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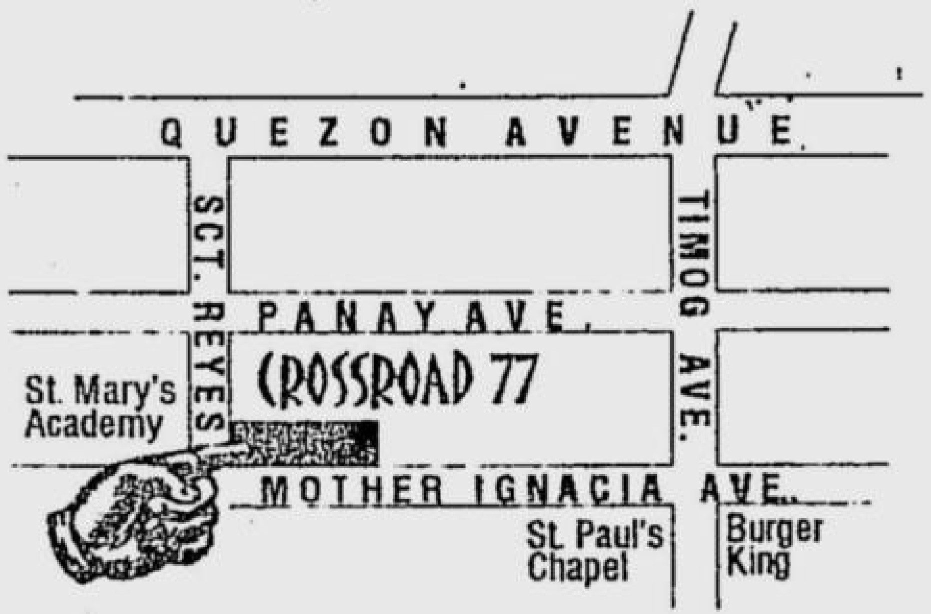

For A Cause
text and photographs
by Lester Ledesma

History Hunters

these divers head underwater because of a
unique passion to find clues from another time

"IT'S JUST PAST THOSE FISH PENS, WE'LL GET THERE SHORTLY!" ROSS HARPER-ALONSO SHOUTS TO ME OVER THE NOISE OF A CHUGGING ENGINE. IT IS MID-MORNING. WE ARE TRAVELING SOUTH OVER THE CALM WATERS OF LAKE TAAL, BATANGAS, EN ROUTE TO WHAT COULD BE A DAY OF SOME INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.

"I've had my eye on this area for two years now," she tells me of the site we are about to visit. Sitting on a *banca* loaded with dive gear and with the members of an expedition team, one might think of this lady as a longtime expert in underwater archaeology. Ross, however, is far from being one. A 37-year-old writer/office manager and a mother of two, she is pretty much your usual urban dweller, but one with a passion for a not-so-usual activity: expedition diving. Ross and her colleagues are not in it for the money, either; they're just fascinated with the past.

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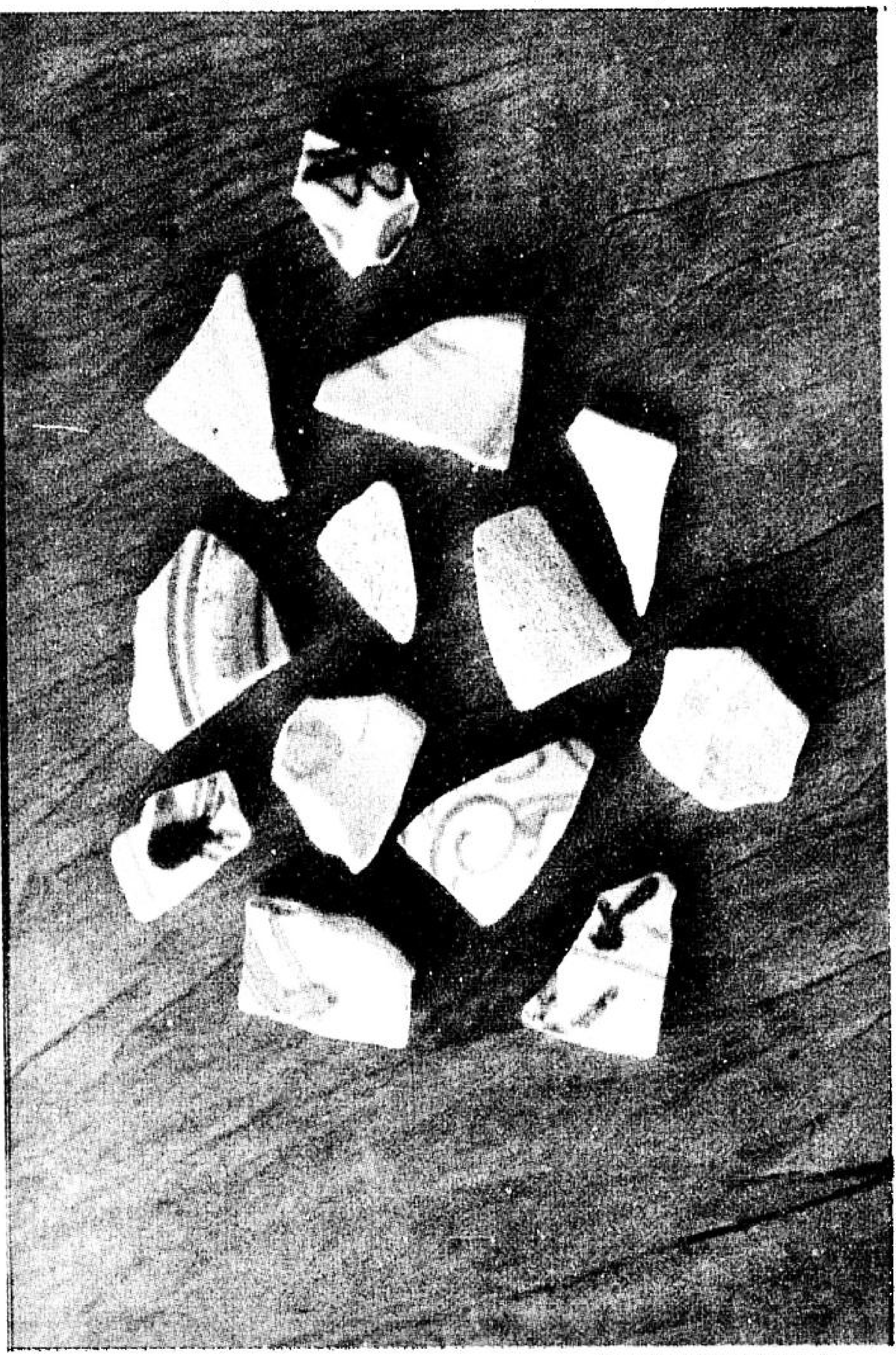
Ross herself got her inspiration from the 1991 book by Dr. Thomas Hargrove, "The Mysteries of Taal," which offers an intriguing glimpse into the bleak past of the Batangueños.



Shards of Ming Dynasty china found in Taal Lake

Based on accounts by Augustinian missionaries, Ross relates, Taal Volcano's eruptions were violent, horrifying and deadly. Due to the eruption, the Pansipit River was blocked and the lake rose, invading the towns of Lipa and Tanauan. "Towns were relocated, and each time people moved they not only rebuilt their homes and new churches, but they erected stone walls to stop the rising." Today, the residents call these stone edifices, *"sapao,"* man-made or natural passageways.

In Taal, searching for these *sapaos* began as a wild goose chase. Every *bangkero* Ross has spoken to had his own version of either a sunken city, a church with a gold cross, and best of all, an entire community buried inside Crater Lake.

"I've always been a history buff for as far back as I can remember," notes the female adventurer. As a young girl, Ross remembers spending long hours in a relative's home, poring over old books and exploring the family's stash of antiques. A "hands-on approach" to learning history, she quickly realized, was much more fruitful than just listening to it classroom-style. Not long after, this lively interest

Visions of Atlantis: History buffs and weekend divers Third Alcantara, Dino Domingo and Ross Harper-Alonso scour Taal Lake for sunken towns

Tracking down Taal's mysteries: Ross, Third and Mitzi Borromeo examine a rare find

evolved into a deep passion for the real thing.

From a small, dusty attic in the city to a potential excavation site several miles away, one can only marvel at the lengths this obsession has taken her. Ross' expedition group is, in fact, composed of seven individuals who share the same penchant for exploration. Pooling their talents and resources together, they've founded the Philippine Underwater Archaeological Conservation Society Inc., a non-profit, non-stock organization dedicated to preserving such important finds. It all started when Ross tracked down diver Third Alcantara, whom she heard had been doing some diving in the lake, and turned him on to its possible mysteries. The society was formed in March last year.

We arrive at our destination an hour later, everyone eager to get started. Today's plan calls for a shore dive from the lake's southern coast, and then for a series of sweeping searches along the bottom, beneath some 130 feet of dark, murky Taal water.

"Of all places to mount an expedition, why'd you choose this particular lake?" I ask the members of the dive team. "There's a lot of mystery and folklore surrounding this body of water," Third explains. "Rumors of sunken towns are quite common here — you can ask any fisherman around and he'll tell you tales of obscure walls visible underwater at low tide."

"There could be a lot of truth to these claims, when you come to think of it," adds Dino Domingo, an experienced divemaster and underwater photographer. "Because of the volcanic nature of this area, many coastal settlements here have been built and abandoned throughout the centuries."

With their tanks checked and dive masks cleaned, the group sets out on its search. As I watch them from the coast, their wet-suited figures sticking out like a squad of grotesque, colorful frogmen, I think about the problems they've had to overcome to get here. The Lake Taal area's history, I was told, has barely been documented. Save for sketchy accounts and the fading memory of some old Batangueños, very few written records remain of this place. Even fewer maps exist, thus making the location of the buried settlements almost impossible to find.

"We found a submerged wall in a different location before, but it turned out to be just a natural formation," Third told me earlier. "If it hadn't been for some Spanish-era walls that we located further inland, we wouldn't have thought of searching this current site." Add to that the constant need for funds and supplies (luckily, Fedex, Nautilus Dive Shop and California Manufacturing Corporation sponsored this outing), and you get a group of people who are truly focused on their goal, no matter how hard it may be.

It is well past midday when the team surfaces. Judging from the look on their faces, the sweep isn't going well. Ross walks onto shore, a bunch of dead leaves hanging from her tank, followed by Dino who is clutching his pair of fins. Third comes in next, his wetsuit smeared with splotches of mud.

Paul Diano, the team's equipment specialist, saunters back, accompanied by the rest of the group – environmental worker Mitzi Borromeo and herpetologist Arvin Diesmos, both wildlife experts, and Randel Raymundo, a dive master/post production editor.

"Visibility is zero down there — I can't even see my hand in front of me!" Ross exclaims. The rest of them can only agree. In almost an hour spent underwater, they encountered little more than a thick soup of silt and some natural rocks. There was no man-made structures of any kind.

There are, however, some fruits of the morning's toil – several shards of white, glistening china, found by the team off the deep end. Last June, the team was joined by Dr. Bong Dizon of the National Museum. The Museum would later identify these shards as valuable Ming Dynasty pieces — proof, perhaps, of bigger discoveries to come. Indeed, Ross is far from discouraged. "This is only the beginning," she says of the Society's work, and is already setting her sights on the next lake to plunge into.

Due to the fast-approaching *habagat* winds, the dives in the following days are likewise called off. There will be no further expeditions in the coming weeks, possibly until the entire rainy season ends. In the meantime, Ross and her crew will have to be content with their finds, tantalizing promises of more clues to come. As of this writing, however, Ross and the team were set to bring some geologists to the site for a look-see, and she was looking forward to "watching them work!"

"I know it's disappointing, but that's the nature of an expedition," she tells me that night. "That's why we're doing this. Nothing is certain—we really don't expect to find anything so easily. We've still got a long way to go." She examines a ceramic slab she has been holding, her fingernail tracing the outline of what looks like the drawing of a dragon.

"I've always wanted to explore Lake Taal after I heard the rumors about it," Ross remarks with a smile. "You see, my dream is to shed light on its mysteries. I'd like to rediscover this rare cultural heritage, and if possible, preserve the lake and its archaeological treasures.

"Maybe then," she adds, "we can say that this passion of ours will have been for a good cause!"

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53	87,240	174,480	261,720	348,960	436,200	872,400	1,744,800
54	80,440	160,880	241,320	321,760	402,200	804,400	1,608,800
55	76,560	153,120	229,680	306,240	382,800	765,600	1,531,200
56	72,600	145,200	217,800	290,400	363,000	726,000	1,452,000
57	68,600	137,200	205,800	274,400	343,000	686,000	1,372,000
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68	34,480	68,960	103,440	137,920	172,400	344,800	689,600
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54	226,310	528,177
55	227,163	527,617
56	227,474	525,349
57	227,167	521,350
58	226,705	516,649
59	226,053	511,064
60	224,648	503,358
61	222,970	494,782
62	220,738	485,064
63	218,275	474,829
64	214,095	461,485
65	210,437	449,730
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The Second Coming of Orly Ilacad

MEDICINE AND MUSIC HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN COMMON. BUT IN THE LIFE OF ORLY ILACAD, MEDICINE AND MUSIC ARE WHERE HIS STORY BEGINS.

Orly, the man behind OctoArts and Virgin Café, was only 17 and in his second year of pre-med studies when his father died. The eldest of six children, he felt responsible for his mother, brother and sisters. With the intention of picking up where his father left off, Orly quit pre-med and shifted to commerce, "so I could graduate earlier, start earning and help my family."

After receiving his commerce degree from San Beda, Orly decided it was time to go into business and fulfill his promise. Together with his cousin Vic del Rosario (who would later become head of his own company, Viva Records), Orly founded a recording company they called Vicor, coined from their first names, Vic and Orly. The two cousins started Vicor with all of P6,000, holding office in a rented room in a building along Raon in Quiapo. Vic and Orly were a perfect foil for each other: the former was a shrewd businessman and risk taker, while Orly was his complete opposite, the cautious, conservative type who would think a hundred times before investing in a project. Between the two of them, he was also the one with a natural ear for music.

> *"I called my company OctoArts because I wanted to go into eight different fields, like recording, movies, live entertainment, music publishing, anything to do with the entertainment, business"*

This Orly owed to his parents. Sunday evenings at the Ilacad residence in Pasay were reserved for impromptu jam sessions where his father Jose would play the accordion, and his mother Carmen the piano, while he and his siblings sang and played various instruments. Later, while in college, Orly formed his own band called Orly and the Ramrods where he played lead guitar. Along with rival Ramon Jacinto's RJ & the Riots, Orly and the Ramrods were quite popular. They even managed to record three albums.

By the time Orly and Vic founded Vicor in 1966, they knew enough about the music industry to steer the company in the right direction. Vicor was one of the most successful recording outfits of its time. It became a major force in the development of OPM (Original Pilipino Music) and the so-called Manila Sound. The company was a trendsetter, and for the longest time, it seemed that nothing could shake it from its position at the top, that is, until the two cousins decided to part ways. Asked why, Orly simply says: "I just wanted to go in a different direction."

From his experience in building up Vicor with his cousin, Orly had a clear vision of what he wanted to do with his own company. "I called my company OctoArts because I wanted to go into eight different fields, like recording, movies, live entertainment, music publishing, anything to do with the entertainment business. I even wanted to produce TV shows and specials. *Noon kasi, usong-uso ang mga* blocktimers *sa TV.*"

Living it up with friends: With Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and Vina Morales, and with Mexican soap star Thalia

Roger Carpio

They say lightning never strikes twice, but it did, at least in Orly's lifetime. What he did with Vicor, he again did with OctoArts. A musician at heart, Orly had terrific instincts. He only had to listen to a singer once and could immediately tell whether he or she was capable of producing a hit and selling records. It was Orly's company that launched the careers of '70s jukebox queen Eva Eugenio, Cristy Mendoza (of *"Isang Babalikan, Isang Iiwanan"* fame), The Boyfriends, Eddie Peregrina soundalike Bernie Gala, and, later, Pops Fernandez, Lea Salonga, Ogie Alcasid, Jamie Rivera, Dingdong Avanzado, rapper Francis Magalona, Michael V., Joey Albert and local rock band The Dawn. All of them were given the big break by OctoArts. "My Vicor experience and the friendships I established with industry people helped a lot during the early days of OctoArts," says Orly.

OctoArts was also the exclusive local distributor of major US labels like RCA, Arista, Motown and Columbia. It was during this period that OctoArts struck gold with Michael Jackson's "Thriller" which became one of the biggest-selling albums of all time, not just in the Philippines but worldwide. "We sold millions of copies of 'Thriller,'" recalls Orly.

Orly's winning streak continued when he ventured into movies with OctoArts Films. Its first two movies were comedies: *"Iputok Mo, Dadapa Ako"* with Vic Sotto and Francis Magalona, and "Ali in Wonderland" with Joey de Leon and Ogie Alcasid. OctoArts Films also produced memorable dramas like the Lea Salonga-Aga Muhlach starrer *"Bakit*

Labis Kitang Mahal" and "The Dolzura Cortez Story" starring Vilma Santos.

When the movie trend shifted, Orly decided that it was time to stop. "We were identified with comedy and family-oriented films," he says. "We stopped *pagpasok ng mga* bold films. We didn't want to go against the trend, because that would have been foolish. I'm a creative person, an artist, but I'm also a businessman. So we opted to lie low instead, and wait for signs of a revival in the industry. Plus there was also a time that the quality of local films suffered, and we didn't want to be part of that."

Instead, Orly turned to live entertainment. As the movie industry died down, live entertainment exploded. Bands were suddenly in again. Various bars and nightspots opened in Metro Manila, and Orly decided that he wanted to be part of the scene. He poured millions of his hard-earned money into Virgin Café, a venue for live entertainment. There used to be a branch at Glorietta, but they closed it recently, not because it was losing money, but because the contract had ended. Orly says that to renew the contract would have meant an additional 20 percent in rental costs that would no longer have made operations viable. He is now looking to open a new branch, either in the Libis area, or maybe even in Cebu.

Orly goes to the Tomas Morato branch every night, and sometimes his daughters Caroline (a summa cum laude marketing graduate of La Salle's College of St. Benilde) and Catherine drop by to help out. "A place like this is fun because I love music, and I get to combine that with doing business," he says with a pleased smile.

The man also enjoys traveling; he relaxes by going to the US twice a year. But while he's not afraid of flying, he finds death by smoking terrifying. "I'm not scared of flying because when it's your time, it's your time, and there's nothing you can do about that," he says. "But if I'm going to die, I don't want to die from smoking. My brother suffered from a collapsed lung, and when I visited him in the hospital, he was telling me how painful it was. After that, I just quit."

Having Virgin Café has given Orly something to do after the movie business slowed down and when the foreign labels that OctoArts was handling decided to put up offices in the Philippines. Eventually, some of the artists that OctoArts built up moved to their own companies, forcing even the recording arm of OctoArts to slow down. But more than anything else, after more than 30 years in the music business, Orly says that what has really hurt the industry is piracy.

"Imagine, all the music pirates have to do is buy one album, and they can make as many copies of it as they like. Because of piracy, everybody loses—the recording company, the artist and, most of all, the government, which loses in terms of taxes."

Yes, the industry has an anti-piracy campaign ongoing, but the pirates are becoming more and more difficult to control. "They're now even in the malls, which means a loss of legitimate business. Some local record producers have tried to compete by coming up with special packaging and by lowering the cost of CDs to P150-P190, but that's as far as they can go because to make an album, you pay anywhere from P500,000 to P1 million. Then you pay several thousand more to promote and market it. The reason pirated copies are cheap is because they don't have to bear these costs."

Orly has studied the problem, and thinks that having special courts to handle cases of piracy will help. And not just piracy of movies or music, but everything that can be faked, like cosmetics, perfume, clothing, shoes and bags, and novelty items and collectibles.

But despite all this, he is not giving up. Orly wants OctoArts Records to go all out again in producing albums for local artists. Of course, he says, this will all depend on how effective the fight against piracy is. Throwing himself back into the business while piracy is still rampant would be like beating his head against a wall.

Nonetheless, OctoArts is now scouting new talents. "It will take us more than a year. We can't get back the artists we used to have, because many of them are signed to other companies now, plus in a few years, they won't really be that popular anymore. We have to find new talents, inject fresh blood into the industry."

Orly estimates that in 2002, OctoArts will be back full blast. Watch out for the second coming of Orly Ilacad.

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In Search of My Maternal Instinct

PLAYING HOUSE AS A CHILD, I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE THE BABY, NEVER THE MOMMY OR THE TEENAGER. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE KIND OF PERSON OTHER PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF, EVEN IF I'M THE ELDEST IN THE FAMILY. SO WHEN I DISCOVERED THE HORRENDOUS FLU I HAD BEEN NURSING FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS WAS IN FACT PREGNANCY, I WAS BOTH PLEASED AND TERRIFIED. MOSTLY TERRIFIED, BECAUSE AT NO TIME IN MY PAST HAVE I EVER FELT ANY MATERNAL URGE.

(Editor's Note: We want to know what people are thinking these days. Tell us what's on your mind and in your heart. And no, you don't have to be under 30 or over 65 to contribute to this column. We welcome contributions from all ages.)

I couldn't escape the idea that having a baby meant being tied down and conforming to society's expectations. Being a mother meant putting away your playthings and playing house for real. That meant balanced meals and a balanced personality – all very scary and uncharted territory for me.

Needless to say, people were surprised when I announced I was pregnant. Some joked, "Are you serious?" Others were more blatant: "Are you scared? Aren't you worried about post-partum depression?" I wondered about the existence of maternal instinct when I read about teenage mothers leaving their babies in institutions. I wasn't horrified. I could imagine their fears, their terror at being solely responsible for a young life, and that worried me. I was afraid that if I made a mistake and turned out to be a bad parent my child would no doubt blame me.

With one exception, none of my close friends have children. I felt like a pioneer, especially since this would be the first grandchild in the family of my husband. The pressure was on. I couldn't help measuring myself up against other mothers, who always make it seem that pregnancy is a breeze, birthing a joy, and raising children a marvelous adventure. Children instinctively like and trust my mother. Not me; I have always been tongue-tied and awkward with children, because I feel they see right through me.

The third trimester began and I started to really worry. I had hoped that some marvelous miracle would happen and then I would wake up and have the maternal instinct, but it wasn't happening. I had hoped for the basketball-shaped stomach, the calm, serene smile and warm glow other mothers had. Instead I felt like I was pregnant from the neck down.

I felt lousy that it was my husband Philbert who was eager to go out and start preparing for the arrival of our baby. It was Philbert who let me drink juice instead of softdrinks and shoveled vegetables into my plate and wanted to talk baby names. Feeling low, I phoned my mother-in-law. After inquiring about my water retention and recent craving for pineapples, she asked, "So are you going on walks so that you won't have a hard time giving birth?" "All the time," I lied. I wanted her to tell me everything would be okay, but I didn't want to tell her the terrible truth – that I felt no upsurge of affection for the crib, or the little shoes. They always reminded me of doll shoes that I kept losing when I was a kid, and how I always wanted to play with other kids instead of Barbies.

It seemed that my body wasn't built for birthing either. I went into labor five days earlier than my due date, and had a relatively difficult birthing experience. It was 6 p.m. when I started feeling labor pains but I ignored it. By 10 p.m., I couldn't stand it anymore. I was admitted at 10:30 p.m. but by 12 p.m. the next day, my dilation was only 4 cm., so the doctor decided to open me up. My son came out at 2:48 p.m. Now, I thought, now, cry with joy. But I didn't. I couldn't. It was simply the surprise of seeing who it was that had been inside me, upside down and underwater, so that he was as purple and pointy as a crayon — it was the way my son looked at me, imprinting me on his brain. He seemed to look right into me, as if he knew me. It was the most terrifying and beautiful moment of my life, and it was gone like a soap bubble the minute my mind touched it.

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

Philbert never left my side. He seemed so alive, vibrating the way the sun seems to when you stare at it too long. I was envious as I remembered how easily he had plucked Joshwa from his bassinet when he first settled in my room, the confident way he hugged him in his arms, pressing him gently against his chest. As he held Joshwa, I envisioned his heart tinier than my thumb, and his heart the size of his fist. He sat down in a chair with the baby in his arms and just gazed at him. "I have a son," he chuckled incredulously, his eyes sparkling with this new intimacy. He closed his eyes as if to savor the moment and in minutes he was asleep, with his son peacefully cradled in his arms. I lay there watching them with tears in my eyes.

I insisted on carrying Joshwa out of the hospital. After all, I was his mother. I wrapped both arms around him, clutching him to my chest. Flushed with endorphins, I felt fierce. I nearly shook with the anticipation that someone might try to tear him away from me.

After two months I discovered that I could differentiate between Joshwa's "I'm starving" cry and his "I need a diaper change" cry. I realized I had been learning his language. I wanted to understand him, to know him. Away from the world of other mothers' experiences and baby manuals, and in our own quiet way, we were bonding. The day's anxiety fled my body at his touch. I felt like he belonged to me — like I was truly his mother.

I confess I'm still not crazy about other children. But I can't explain how the weight of my son in my arms calms me, sustains me, and sometimes makes me deliriously happy. I'm not convinced that every woman has a maternal instinct, but I do believe that we are all born with the capacity to love and nurture. I can tell you that sometimes when I am out on the street without Joshwa I feel a sharp pang of loss that makes me stop and catch my breath, and I wonder if that isn't my maternal instinct stretching its wings a bit. And though I still can't believe I already have a son, it's not because it doesn't feel right, but because I can't believe my good fortune.

Painting the TOWNS Red

Women achievers have enough cause to celebrate; they're in good company, and getting better

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO MARINE BIOLOGIST DR. HELENA TIMBOL-YAP ON HER WAY TO GETTING HER TOWNS AWARD FOR SCIENCE IN 1998. "I WAS IN THE AIRPORT, NEWLY ARRIVED, WITH NO ONE TO PICK ME UP," RECALLS THIS PIONEER IN CORAL TRANSPLANTATION AND GROWTH. "I CALLED HOME AND MY MOM TOLD ME I WON." BUT BECAUSE SHE JUST HAD A SEVERE INJURY FROM DIVING AND WAS MORE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING A RIDE HOME, THE NEWS DID NOT REGISTER, SHE RECOUNTS.

Indeed, getting recognized for excelling in their field is the last thing on the mind of Yap and others like her who have been named The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS).

If anything, the prestigious award serves as "an affirmation, a pat on the back spurring you to greater commitment to change the situation. *Nabigyan ng panibagong sigla,*" confides Corazon Juliano Soliman, 1992 TOWNS awardee for Agrarian Reform and Community Development. "The value of the award is not as important as what you do for the people," says Soliman, the current Social Welfare Secretary.

Just as self-effacing is Philippine National Red Cross governor Rosa Rosal, who won the award in 1974 for Humanities. While others similarly recognized would quickly parlay their fame into political capital, this Ramon Magsaysay Awardee has steered clear of elective positions, preferring to work without fanfare or thought of gain. Serving the Red Cross without any salary, she has even donated the US$50,000 RM award money toward the education of 82 scholars so far.

For Lisa Macuja, the award is a personal vindication. "I cried when I learned I won the TOWNS," says this 1989 awardee for Performing Arts. "I remembered my Lola being totally against my dancing ballet, but the award assured me I made the right choice. I felt like a little kid getting straight A's."

First conceived in 1974, the TOWNS' luster has been further burnished by its choice of awardees these 25-odd years, among them Lea Salonga, Dr. Perla Santos Ocampo, former Sen. Leticia Shahani, pianists Cecil Licad and Ingrid Santamaria, stage director Zeneida Amador, advertising creative director Edwina Koch Arroyo, editor Leticia Magsanoc, print journalists Rina David and Paulynn Sicam, actress Nora Aunor, singer Celeste Legaspi, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, bowling champion Bong Coo, broadcast journalists Cheche Lazaro, Loren Legarda and Mel Tiangco, lawyer Lorna Kapunan, and advertising leader Yolly Ong.

Other women achievers between the age of 21 and 45 and who exhibit the same pioneering zeal and commitment are invited to join the TOWNS roster. Nomination forms are available at the TOWNS Secretariat, 20th Floor, West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Building, or call Ada Mabbayad at 637-4261 and 637-4262. Deadline for submission of nominations is July 31.

Past winners: (clockwise from left) Lisa Macuja, Rosa Rosal and HelenaTimbol-Yap

Making a stand for excellence: TOWNS awardees (from left) Elsa Payumo, Corazon Dela Paz, Emilia Boncodin, Sen. Loren Legarda, Flerida Ruth Romero, Teresita Deles, Patricia Sto. Tomas,Corazon Soliman, and Zorayda Alonzo. (Right photo, from left): Zenaida Gordon, Imelda Villar, Lilia De Lima, Lilia Bautista, Bing Carreon Buck, Angel Aquino, Letty Shahani, Tessie Ang See and Nieves Confesor

End Page

by Jonathan Best

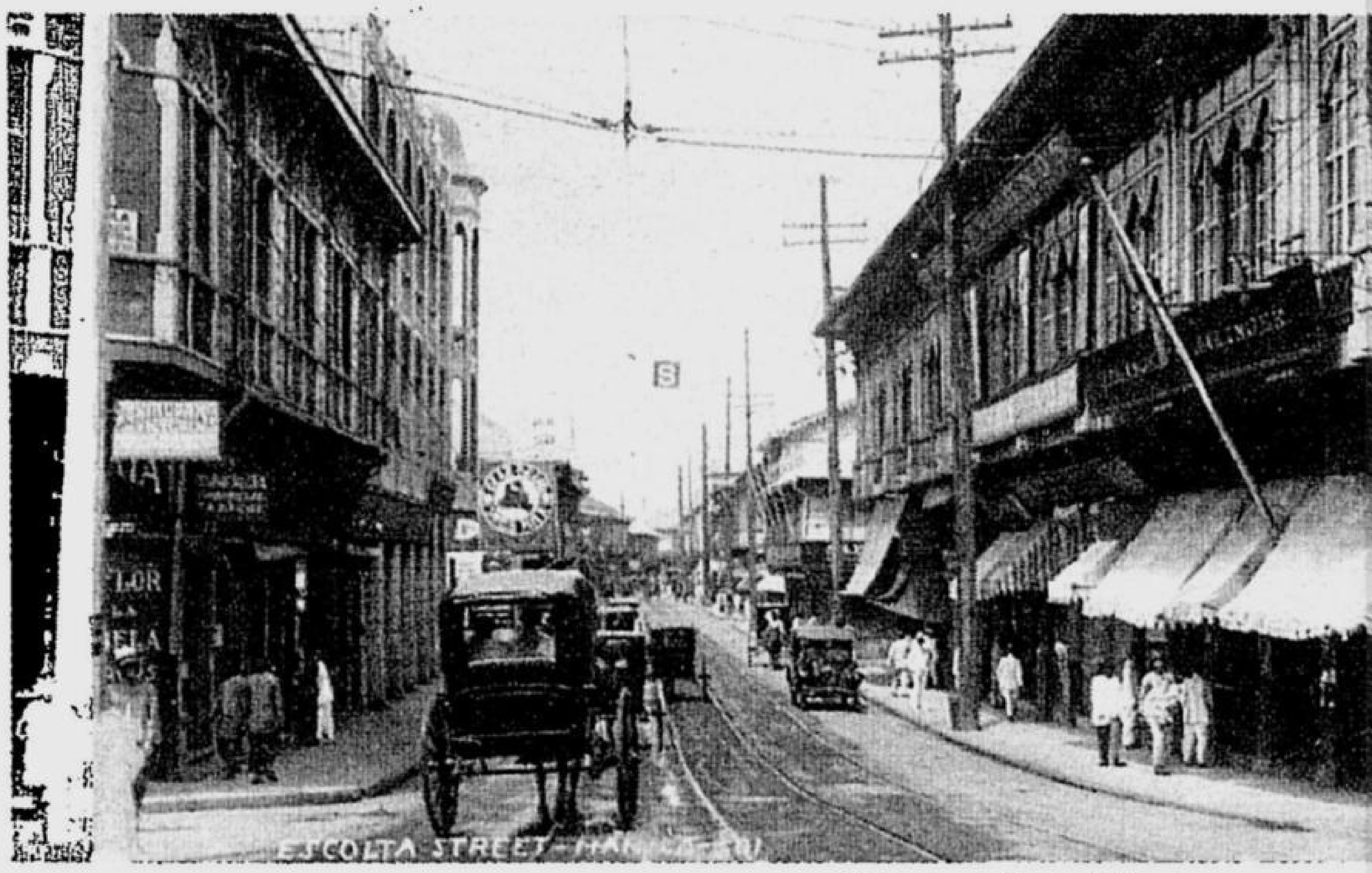
Traffic from Hell

Some Filipinos cite Manila's chaotic streets as an indication that the country is not yet ready for US-style democracy, and should instead have a Lee Kuan Yew at the helm

IN THE YEARS BEFORE WORLD WAR II, FILIPINOS DROVE ON THE LEFT RATHER THAN THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD, AS IS STILL THE PRACTICE IN MOST OF ASIA AND AUSTRALIA. TRAFFIC POLICE WERE STATIONED AT STRATEGIC INTERSECTIONS LIKE PLAZA GOITTI AND ON THE ESCOLTA, IN ELEGANT LITTLE KIOSKS WITH PARASOL ROOFS. THEY WORE NEAT WHITE GLOVES AND RATHER OFFICIAL LOOKING TROPICAL PITH HELMETS. TRAFFIC JAMS WERE NOT UNKNOWN BUT THE AIR WAS FRESH AND MERALCO'S ELECTRIC *TRANVIAS* MADE IT EASY TO TRAVEL AROUND THE CITY, WHICH IN PREWAR YEARS HAD A POPULATION OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION.

But times have changed and Manila's traffic and resulting pollution now rivals the worst to be found anywhere in the world.

Increasingly frustrated Manila drivers take it upon themselves to jump lanes and "counter flow" on the left when bumper to bumper congestion drives them to breaking point. Naturally the result is gridlock, road rage and threat to life and limb. Taxis, jeepneys, and macho motorists of both genders make a mad dash against oncoming traffic. As the number of vehicles steadily increases so do the motorists' headaches and frazzled nerves.



Cars and carriages driving on the left, pre-war Escolta 1920s (J. Best Collection)

Intrepid drivers sail through red lights and stop signs with no regard for traffic cops or crossing traffic. Taxis and jeepneys make U-turns wherever it suits them or when it is physically possible. Even the few remaining sidewalks are fair game to motorcycles and ubiquitous motorbikes delivering pizzas, hamburgers and French fries delicately scented with carbon monoxide and flavored with a drizzle of motor oil.

During daylight hours buses and jeepneys rule the roads throughout the city, stopping to load or unload passengers wherever it suits them and bullying any hapless motorist who gets in their way. The older vehicles belch black smoke into the faces of their passengers and Manila's benighted pedestrians. At 9 in the evening, trucks and private jeepneys come out to turn the daytime chaos into a more sinister game. Archaic vehicles with a haphazard array of lights or none at all, lurch onto the roadways overloaded with every imaginable cargo. Trucks loaded with squealing pigs, chickens and other livestock arrive from the provinces along with jeeps stacked to the roof with coconuts, pineapples, bananas and other produce. These must contend with burly flatbed trucks hauling construction materials or trailing pipes and steel bars, or weighed down with any number of cargo containers enroute to or from North Harbor.

For the private motorist, the challenge is not to get squeezed between the contending trucks, overloaded jeeps and buses and at the same time be constantly on the lookout for the horrendous potholes as well as chunks of concrete and metal debris that tend to appear from nowhere. This is especially true during the rainy season. The worst luck is for motorists to be squeezed against an antiquated garbage truck freely spewing its fetid liquids onto the night streets of the city.

As if the traffic were not challenging enough, pedestrians are forced to hurl themselves into the traffic at major intersections for want of even rudimentary sidewalks or safe crosswalks. To add to the malevolent ambiance, men casually line up facing the walls, irrigating them. Children and vendors scamper between cars, hawking their wares, and leading the blind, the crippled and the aged in hopes of a bit of human charity.

The end result is a chaotic free-for-all on the roadways and streets of Manila. Conservative friends have often told me, "You know *naman* Jonathan, us Filipinos are not really ready for the democratic freedoms you enjoy in America." They often cite the traffic chaos as an example and pine for the iron hand of a Lee Kuan Yew or, God forbid, a return to martial law. As an American and also an admirer of the Filipino common man, I bristle at this. My usual cryptic answer is, "When have the average Filipinos ever been offered American style freedom and democracy? And why is it that, with all our 'unbridled' democratic freedom in America, people scrupulously obey traffic regulations?"

The answer is simple. In most democracies, people elect legislators who write strict traffic laws and elect executives who enforce them. Citizens obey the laws or suffer heavy fines, have their vehicles impounded or go to jail. All of this is standard operating procedure even in the most liberal states in America. The millions of law-abiding Filipino workers living in the United States have no problem adjusting to this. It is taken for granted in America that public servants and elected officials should provide essential public services and ensure public safety, as well as protect public property such as sidewalks, parks and open spaces.

If current traffic laws were strictly enforced in Manila there would be a hue and cry from macho road warriors and those delightful types who use ambulances as private limousines. Jeepney and bus drivers might actually go on strike for a few days and the police would legitimately demand more pay. Bribes would be offered to arresting officers left and right. A few high profile sting operations with glaring presentations to media of handcuffed perpetrators and handcuffed corrupt officials would put an end to that.

Filipinos have a great talent for adjusting to new situations and after the initial shock people would start obeying the laws, fixing defective vehicles and breathing a little easier. Everyone would quietly curse those damn traffic cops as they nervously glance at their rear view mirrors. The sight of "meter maids" and roving tow trucks hauling off illegally parked cars would strike panic in the hearts of illegal parkers. Motorists would complain bitterly about the punitive fines and weeks of public service meted out in traffic court for moving violations. Hey, welcome to the free world!

Comments welcome at endpage2000@hotmail.com

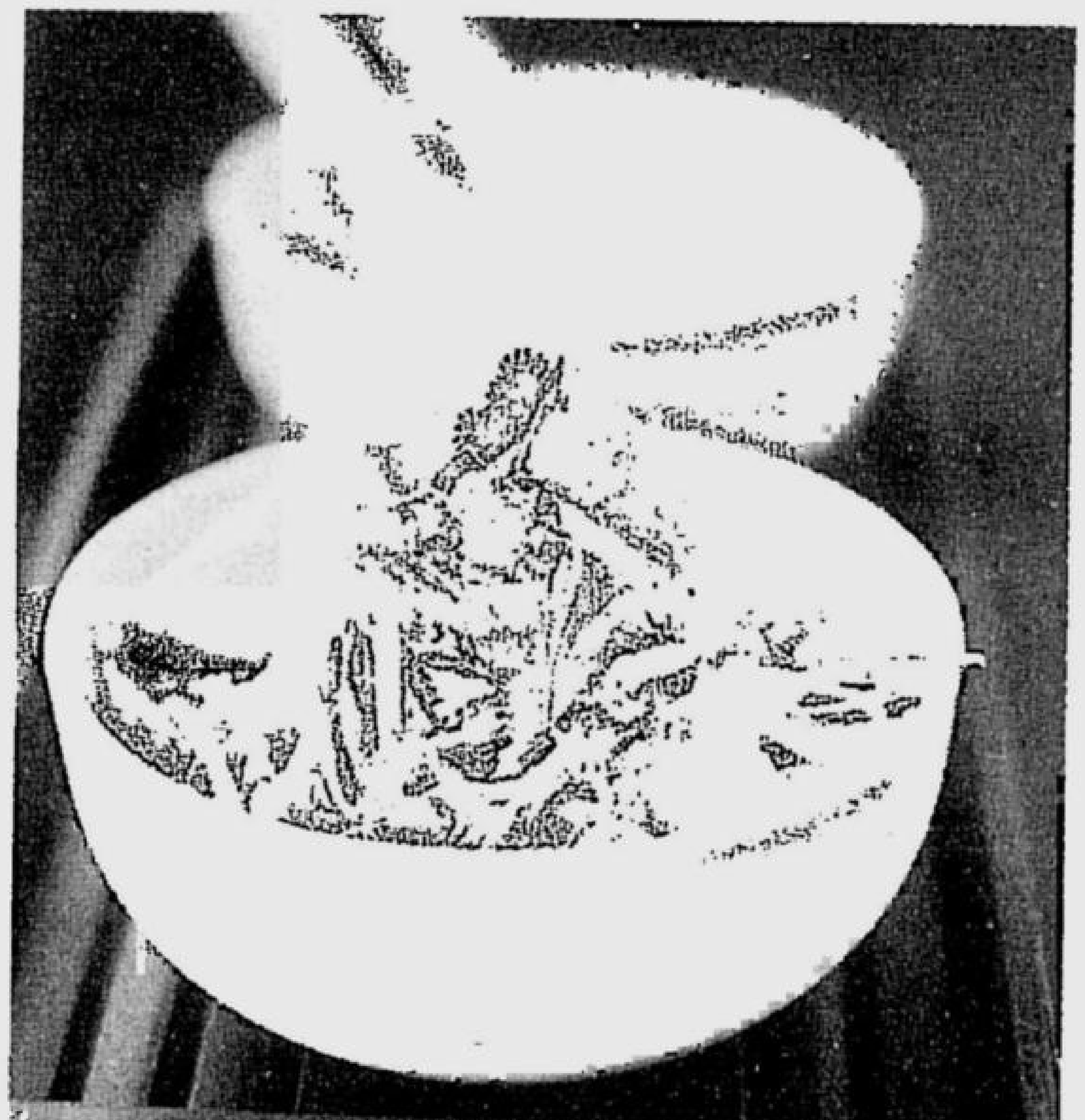
This Week

Art

Sculptures, Paintings, Prints, a multi-media exhibit by Inday Cadapan ongoing until July 20 at Trionfi Café Arte, 2168 Ground Floor, Herald Suites, Pasong Tamo, Makati City.

Floating, a solo exhibit of recent works on paper by Bob Bernardo Nuestro at The Drawing Room, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Metrostar Building, Makati City until July 18.

Discovering the Mystery of Ancient Peru, an exhibit of pre-Inca artifacts, until July 21 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Central Bank Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.



Pho noodles, from "A Voyage to Vietnam" at the New World Renaissance Hotel, Makati

Organic Forms, an exhibit of major sculpture works in wood by Pablo Mahinay at The Drawing Room, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City until July 18. For details, call 897-7877.

Tales of the Loom, oil paintings by Waling Waling Gorospe depicting the intricate patterns of tribal cloth from different parts of the world, until July 22 at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall A.

Music

South Border anniversary concert will be held at Padi's Mindave in Mindanao Avenue and Congressional Avenue, QC tonight at 9:30. Every Monday night, Freeverse also performs in this unique restaurant, bar and music center. Padi's Mindave also invites non-professional singers to join its "Mindave New Singing Star Search" competition. For details, call 4144930 to 34.

Janet Basco holds a series of mall shows to promote her latest album "Love Is Right" on July 15 at SM Cebu, July 27 at SM North Edsa, and July 29 at SM Megamall.

Featured bands and artists at **Ciao Bar-Ristorante** of Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila this month: Mondays—Teresa Garcia and Pocket Central; Tuesdays—Lilibeth Garcia and The Groove; Wednesdays—Teresa Garcia and Marmalade Band; Thursdays—Tassia Marie and Yamani with Great Divide; Fridays—Kristine Marcaida and Pocket Central; Saturdays—Marmalade Band.

Paco Park presents **Intermezzo Vocal Ensemble** featuring the Lopez family in a program of best-loved Broadway and light operas, July 20, 6 p.m. Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila. Admission is free.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

Cinema

Moon Child, a 1996 film by Agustin Villaronga about a tribe on the African continent which prophesied that a white boy will arrive to be their god, July 19, 7:30 p.m. at Salon de Actos, Instituto Cervantes, 2515 Leon Guinto St., Malate, Manila. For details, call 526-1482 to 85.

Tirez sur le Pianiste, a Francois Truffaut movie about the dark underside of city nightlife, July 18, 8 p.m. at the Suez-Ondeo Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Manille, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City. For details, call 895-7441.

Onstage

L'Atouette (The Lark), a play about a woman of great courage and faith, Joan of Arc, presented by Actor's Actors Inc. featuring Lara Fabregas, Raymond Bagatsing, Jackielou Blanco and Michael Williams, July 20-22, 8 p.m. at the GSIS Theater, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. For details, call 895-7757.

Dulaang UP will stage William Shakespeare's comedy **The Winter's Tale** from July 18 to August 5 with 10 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. shows at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, Palma Hall Building, UP Diliman. For details, call 924-3224.

Food

A Voyage to Vietnam, a festival highlighting Vietnam's cuisine, fashion and arts, until July 22 at the New World Renaissance Hotel. For reservations, call 811-6888.

Manila Diamond Hotel's Restaurant Le Bellevue offers **Kebab Festival** this month with ala carte menu featuring Marinated Beef Tenderloin Kebab, Mild Spicy Chicken Kebab, Seafood Kebab and Lambloin Kebab. For inquiries, call 526-2211 loc. 1520.

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PSI Leadership Success Seminar, a comprehensive approach to personal and professional success will be held on July 19-22. Also offers Basic Seminar every month and in-house Corporate Seminars. For details, call 897-1057 and 897-8357.

MCU-FDTMF 54th Foundation Anniversary with the theme "Nurturing the Leaders of Tomorrow," July 19-20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities include Mass, lecture-discussion, bazaar, raffle, seminar on Basic Life Support, and free consultations and immunizations. For inquiries, call 367-2031 loc. 286.

A Conference on World Peace Through Education and Culture will be held on July 21, 1-5 p.m. at the Intramuros Function Room of the Manila Midtown Hotel, Pedro Gil St., Malate, Manila. Said conference is exclusive to university presidents, college deans and chancellors, heads of NGOs advocating peace education, and educational organizations. For inquiries, call 371-7015/16.

Learn the art of **shadow puppet making and performing** with the theater group Anino on July 21, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Ayala Museum. For inquiries, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 128.

The Research and Extension for Development Office of the UP College of Social Work and Community Development will conduct **training for social development practitioners** scheduled as follows: Networking for Social Development Practitioners, July 25-27; Program and Legislative Advocacy for LGU Development Workers, August 29-31; Innovative Practices in Community Organizing, October 24-26. For details, call 929-2477 or email lstojos@yahoo.com.

East West Holistic Center is holding the following workshops: Swedish (July 16-17); Shiatsu (July 18-20); Sports Massage (July 23-25); Basic Reflexology (July 26-27); Basic Acupressure (July 30-31); Lymphatic Drainage with Aromatherapy (August 1-3). For details, call 712-7750.

Woman's Way of Self-Defense, a four-hour course on basic useful strikes, hand-to-hand defense, anti-rape techniques and some bonus lessons, July 15 and 22, Earthlite Center, 4th Floor, COD Dept. Store, Cubao, QC. For details, call 532-6395.

X-manila

The Integrated Performing Arts Guild (IPAG), resident theater company of the MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology, continues its tour of **Tales from Mindanao** from July 16-23. Commencing the tour are two performances on July 16 (3 p.m. and 7 p.m.) at the D. L. Umali Hall, UP Los Baños. Tickets are available at the Humanities Building lobby, UPLB. For details, call 0917-9796358.

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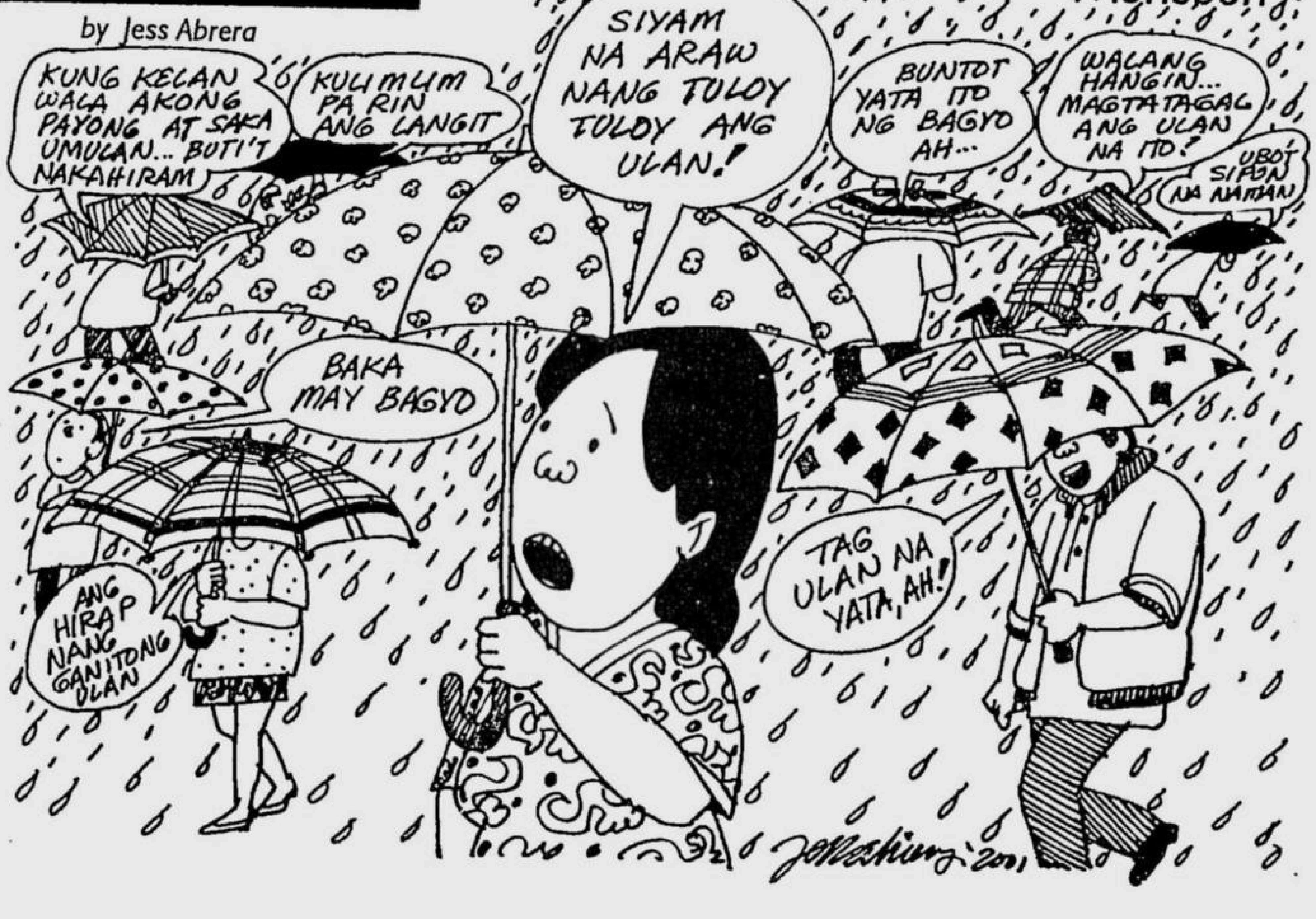
Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera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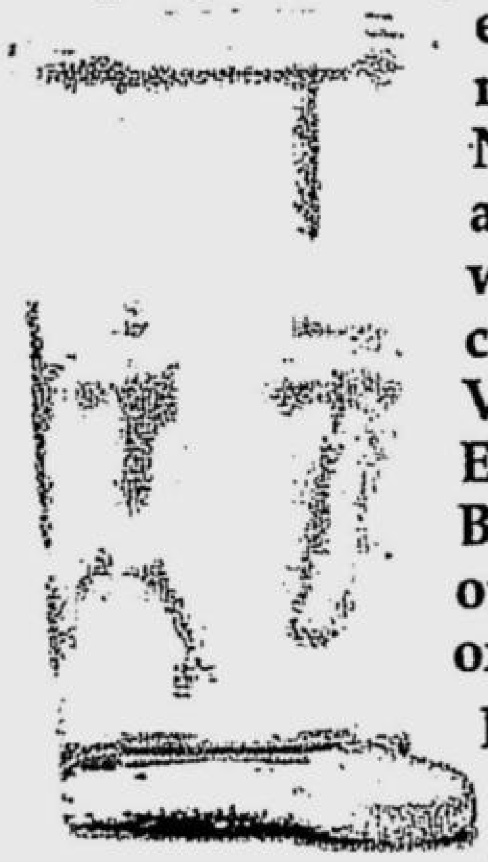

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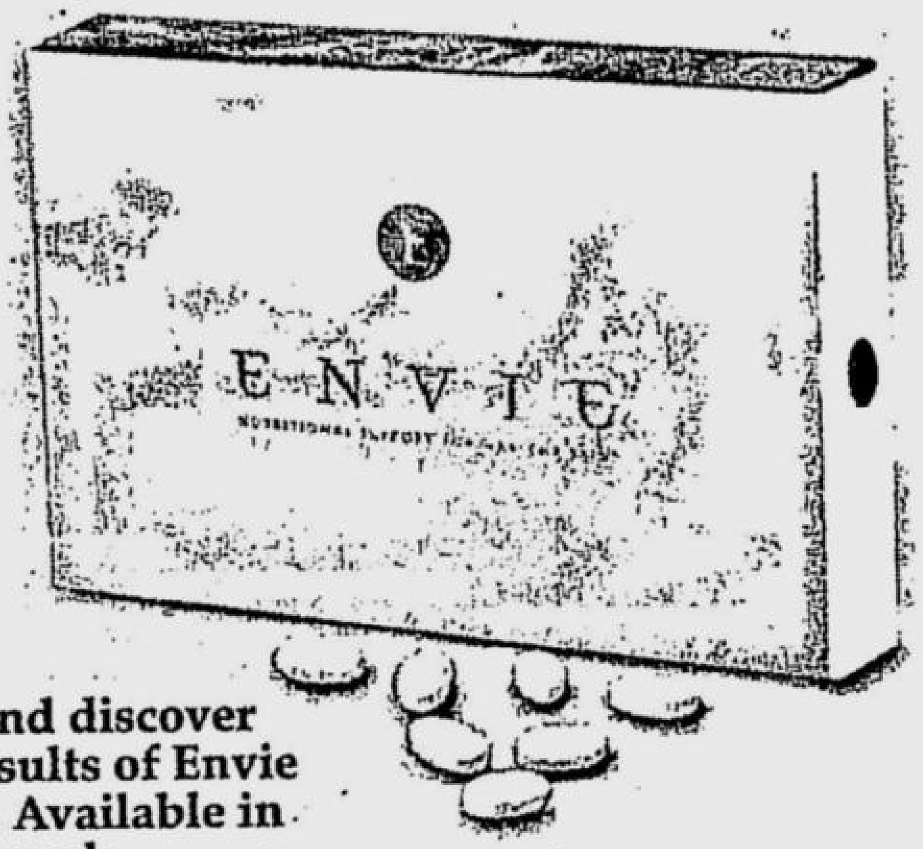

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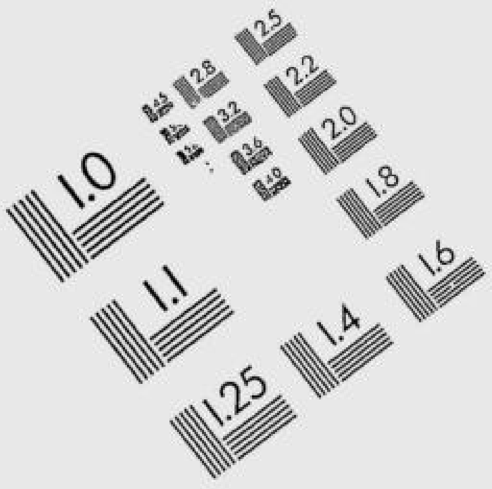
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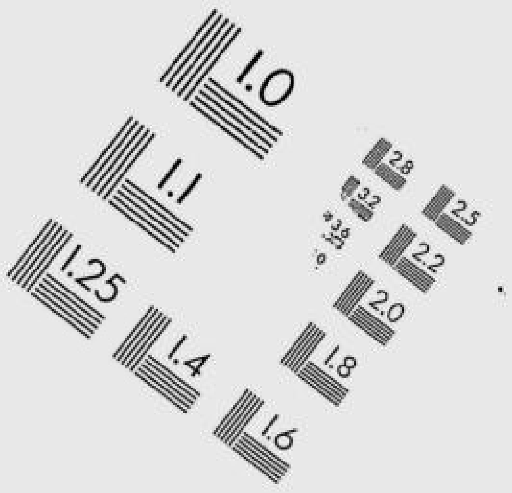
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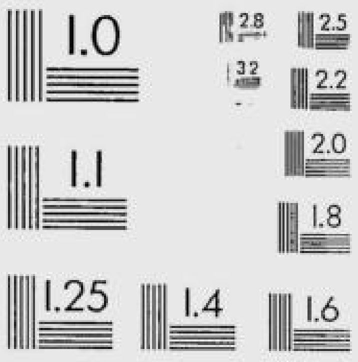
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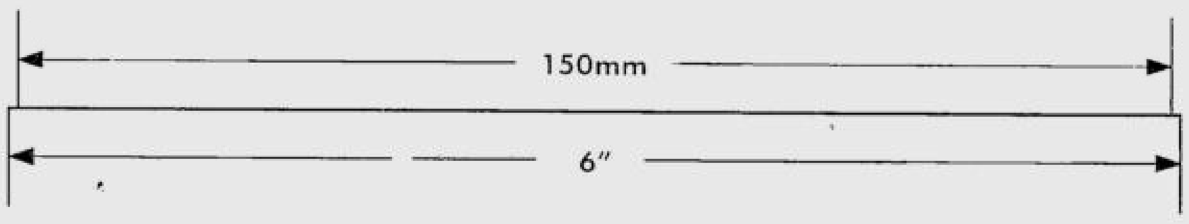

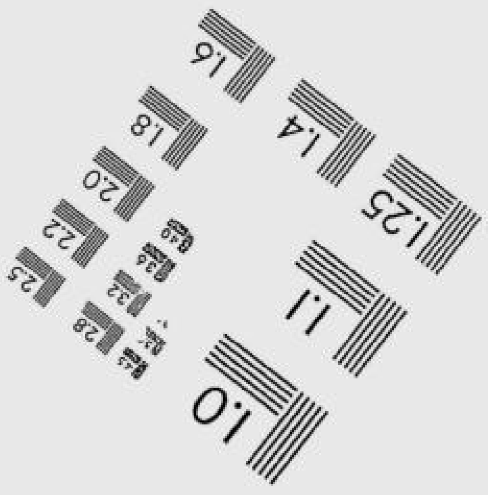
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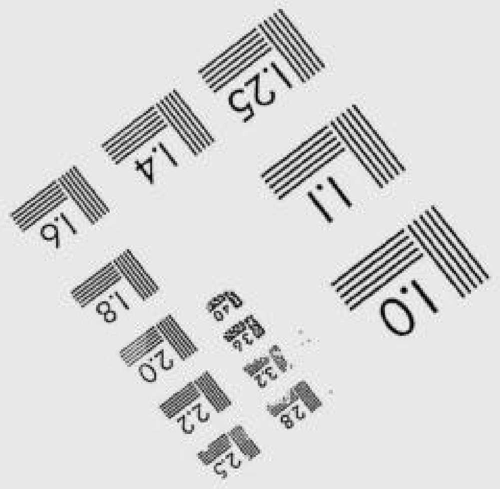
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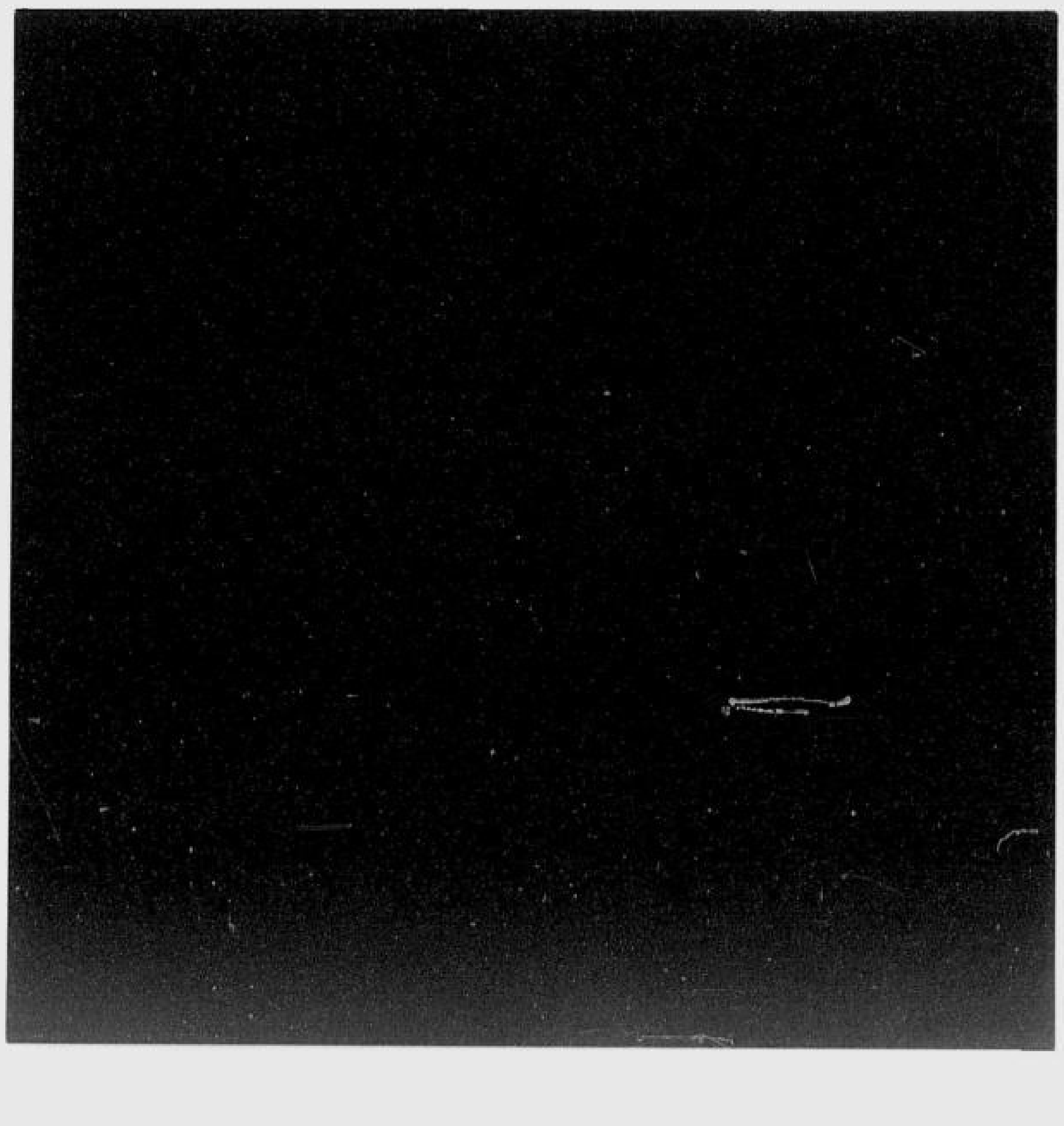

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